

SENATE BILL NO. 418—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the acceptance of wagers on certain events. (BDR 41-1106)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; revising the definition of “sports pool” to include the acceptance of wagers on federal elections or other events approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations authorizing the acceptance of wagers on federal elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law defines “sports pool” as the business of accepting wagers on sporting events or other events by any system or method of wagering. (NRS 463.0193) **Section 4.5** of this bill revises the definition to include the acceptance of wagers on a federal election or any other event approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission. **Section 6** of this bill requires the Commission to adopt regulations which authorize the acceptance of wagers on federal elections.

Existing law provides that a person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if he or she makes, offers or accepts any bet or wager upon the: (1) result of any election; (2) success or failure of any person or candidate; (3) number of votes to be cast, either in the aggregate or for any particular candidate; or (4) vote to be cast by any person. (NRS 293.830) **Section 5** of this bill specifies that such provisions do not apply to a person who places a wager on a federal election in accordance with the provisions of law governing wagering on federal elections.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 4.5.** NRS 463.0193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 463.0193 **1.** “Sports pool” means the business of accepting
5 wagers on sporting events or other events , *including, without*
6 *limitation, a federal election or any other event approved by the*
7 *Commission*, by any system or method of wagering.

8 **2.** *As used in this section, “federal election” means any*
9 *presidential election, general election, primary election or special*
10 *election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting,*
11 *nominating or electing any candidate for the office of President or*
12 *Vice President of the United States, presidential elector, member*
13 *of the United States Senate or member of the United States House*
14 *of Representatives.*

15 **Sec. 5.** NRS 293.830 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 293.830 ~~Any~~

17 **1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any* person
18 who makes, offers or accepts any bet or wager upon the result of
19 any election, or upon the success or failure of any person or
20 candidate, or upon the number of votes to be cast, either in the
21 aggregate or for any particular candidate, or upon the vote to be cast
22 by any person, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

23 **2.** *The provisions of this section do not apply to any person*
24 *who places a wager on a federal election in accordance with the*
25 *provisions of chapter 463 of NRS and any regulations adopted*
26 *pursuant thereto.*

27 **Sec. 6.** On or before January 1, 2014, the Nevada Gaming
28 Commission shall adopt regulations which authorize the acceptance
29 of wagers on federal elections.

30 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective:

31 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting
32 regulations; and

33 2. On January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.

