

HOUSE BILL 647

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Facilities – Charles County – Expansion and Use of Proceeds**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation
4 license and a certain number of additional video lottery terminals for a video lottery
5 facility in Charles County in a vessel moored to a pier on the Potomac River;
6 specifying that certain proceeds from the video lottery terminals and table games be
7 paid to the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Fund; exempting the Fund
8 from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money in special
9 funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; repealing certain prohibitions
10 against a video lottery operation licensee providing food or alcoholic beverages to
11 individuals at no cost; altering the amount the Comptroller pays to certain video
12 lottery operation licensees from the proceeds of video lottery terminals; providing for
13 the reconstitution of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission under certain
14 circumstances; establishing the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Fund as
15 a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to help defray
16 the costs of replacing the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge; requiring the
17 Department of Transportation to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer
18 to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents
19 of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for
20 the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; defining a certain term;
21 submitting this Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; providing for
22 the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this
23 Act subject to a certain contingency; and generally relating to gaming in the State.

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

25 Article – State Finance and Procurement

26 Section 6–226(a)(1) and (2)(i)

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

28 (2015 Replacement Volume)

29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – State Finance and Procurement
2 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2015 Replacement Volume)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – State Finance and Procurement
7 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2015 Replacement Volume)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9–1A–05(a), 9–1A–24, and 9–1A–36(f), (h)(1), (i)(1), (r)(1), and (t)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – State Government
17 Section 9–1A–27
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
20 (As enacted by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2012 2nd Special
21 Session)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 9–1A–30.1
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

29 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

30 6–226.

31 (a) (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law or by regulation of the
32 Treasurer, the Treasurer shall credit to the General Fund any interest on or other income
33 from State money that the Treasurer invests.

34 (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
35 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
36 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
37 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to

1 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
2 Fund of the State.

3 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
4 to the following funds:

5 84. the Economic Development Marketing Fund; [and]

6 85. the Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small
7 Business No-Interest Loan Fund; AND

8 **86. THE HARRY W. NICE MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND.**

9 **Article – State Government**

10 9–1A–05.

11 (a) The Video Lottery Facility Location Commission established under § 9–1A–36
12 of this subtitle may not:

13 (1) award more than [six] SEVEN video lottery operation licenses;

14 (2) award more than [16,500] 18,000 video lottery terminals for operation
15 at video lottery facilities in the State;

16 (3) subject to the requirements of § 9–1A–36(h) and (i) of this subtitle,
17 award more than 4,750 terminals for operation at any video lottery facility; and

18 (4) for a location in Allegany County:

19 (i) award a video lottery operation license to an applicant that does
20 not agree to purchase the Rocky Gap Lodge and Resort; and

21 (ii) notwithstanding § 9–1A–36(i)(2) of this subtitle, award more
22 than 1,500 video lottery terminals for operation at a video lottery facility in Allegany
23 County.

24 9–1A–24.

25 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the] THE Commission
26 shall ensure that a video lottery operation licensee complies with the requirements of this
27 section as a condition of holding the video lottery operation license.

28 (b) [(1) The county alcoholic beverages licensing authority for the county in
29 which a video lottery facility is located shall ensure that the video lottery operation licensee
30 complies with the requirements of this subsection.

1 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a video lottery
2 operation licensee may not provide food or alcoholic beverages to individuals at no cost.

3 (3) Any food or alcoholic beverages offered by a video lottery operation
4 licensee for sale to individuals may be offered only at prices that are determined by the
5 county alcoholic beverages licensing authority to be commensurate with the price of similar
6 types of food and alcoholic beverages at restaurants in the county in which the video lottery
7 facility is located.

8 (4) A video lottery operation licensee may provide food at no cost to
9 individuals to the same extent allowed under Article 2B, § 12–106 of the Code for a person
10 engaged in the sale or barter of spirituous, malt, or intoxicating liquors and licensed under
11 the laws of Maryland.

12 (c)] (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a video lottery
13 operation licensee shall ensure that intoxicated individuals and individuals under the age
14 of 21 years are not allowed to play video lottery terminals or table games and are not
15 allowed in areas of the video lottery facility where video lottery terminals or table games
16 are located.

17 (2) A video lottery operation licensee may allow a video lottery employee
18 who is an adult to enter or remain in an area within the video lottery facility that is
19 designated for table game or video lottery terminal activities if the video lottery employee
20 is working.

21 [(d)] (C) (1) By regulation, the Commission shall provide for the
22 establishment of a list of individuals who are to be mandatorily excluded or ejected by a
23 video lottery operation licensee from any video lottery operation licensed under this
24 subtitle.

25 (2) The regulations under this subsection shall define the standards for
26 exclusion or ejection and shall include standards relating to individuals:

27 (i) who are career offenders as defined by regulations adopted by the
28 Commission;

29 (ii) who have been convicted of a criminal offense under the laws of
30 the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States that is a criminal offense
31 involving moral turpitude or a gambling offense; or

32 (iii) whose presence in the establishment of a licensee would be
33 adverse to the interest of the State, the licensee, or the person.

34 (3) The Commission may impose sanctions on a licensee in accordance with
35 this subtitle if the licensee knowingly fails to exclude or eject from the premises of the

1 licensee an individual placed by the Commission on the list of individuals to be excluded or
2 ejected.

3 (4) An order under this subsection is subject to judicial review.

4 **[(e)] (D)** (1) By regulation, the Commission shall adopt measures that are
5 intended to reduce or mitigate the effects of problem gambling.

6 (2) The regulations shall:

7 (i) include establishment of a voluntary exclusion list of individuals
8 with gambling problems who have requested to be excluded from any video lottery
9 operation licensed under this subtitle; and

10 (ii) provide a simple mechanism for an individual who is sober and
11 informed to request placement on the voluntary exclusion list for a specified period of time.

12 (3) A video lottery operation licensee may not permit an individual on the
13 voluntary exclusion list to enter into the video lottery facility or to play a video lottery
14 terminal.

15 (4) The Commission may impose sanctions on a licensee in accordance with
16 this subtitle if the licensee knowingly fails to exclude from the premises of the licensee an
17 individual on the voluntary exclusion list.

18 **[(f)] (E)** In order to protect the public interest, the regulations shall include
19 provisions that:

20 (1) limit the number and location of and maximum withdrawal amounts
21 from automated teller machines;

22 (2) prohibit authorized automated teller machines from accepting
23 electronic benefit cards, debit cards, or similar negotiable instruments issued by the
24 Department of Human Resources for the purpose of accessing temporary cash assistance;

25 (3) require payouts above an amount adopted by the Commission to be
26 made by check;

27 (4) require conspicuous disclosures related to the payout of video lottery
28 terminals;

29 (5) limit the dollar amount that video lottery terminals will accept;

30 (6) prohibit the use of specified negotiable instruments at video lottery
31 facilities and the use of credit cards, debit cards, and similar devices in video lottery
32 terminals;

1 (7) provide consumers with a record of video lottery terminal spending
2 levels if marketing measures are utilized that track consumer spending at video lottery
3 facilities;

4 (8) prohibit consumers from cashing paychecks at video lottery facilities;
5 and

6 (9) prohibit video lottery operation licensees from engaging in or
7 contracting with another to engage in predatory marketing practices.

8 ~~[(g)]~~ (F) (1) A video lottery operation licensee may not, directly or indirectly,
9 interfere with, hinder, obstruct, impede, or take any action to delay the implementation or
10 establishment of a video lottery facility by any other licensee or applicant for a video lottery
11 operation license awarded or issued under this subtitle.

12 (2) (i) The Commission shall adopt regulations, to the fullest extent
13 allowed by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to carry out the
14 provisions of this subsection.

15 (ii) The regulations adopted under this subsection shall include
16 provisions:

17 1. that expressly prohibit:

18 A. taking any of the actions described in paragraph (1) of this
19 subsection relating to the issuance of required State or local governmental approvals for
20 the establishment of a video lottery facility; or

21 B. providing funding or other material support to engage in
22 any of the actions described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

23 2. that prohibit, as unlawful indirect conduct, activity:

24 A. by an entity in which the licensee owns a beneficial or
25 proprietary interest; or

26 B. by an entity in which an affiliate of the licensee owns a
27 beneficial or proprietary interest; and

28 3. that allow the Commission to impose sanctions and
29 penalties in accordance with § 9-1A-25 of this subtitle if a licensee knowingly violates
30 paragraph (1) of this subsection.

31 **9-1A-30.1.**

32 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE GOVERNOR HARRY W. NICE
33 MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND.

1 (B) THERE IS A GOVERNOR HARRY W. NICE MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND.

2 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF
3 REPLACING, WITH A FOUR-LANE BRIDGE, THE GOVERNOR HARRY W. NICE
4 MEMORIAL BRIDGE, WHICH CONNECTS CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND KING
5 GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ACROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER.

6 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE
7 FUND.

8 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
9 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

10 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
11 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

12 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

13 (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-1A-27(A)(9)
14 AND (D)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

15 (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

16 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
17 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

18 (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR DEFRAYING THE COSTS OF
19 REPLACING THE HARRY W. NICE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

20 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
21 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

22 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
23 THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-30 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
25 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

26 9-1A-36.

27 (f) The Video Lottery Facility Location Commission may award not more than
28 [six] SEVEN video lottery operation licenses to qualified applicants, through a competitive

1 process consistent with the process for competitive sealed proposals under Title 13 of the
2 State Finance and Procurement Article.

3 (h) (1) In order to qualify for a video lottery operation license under this
4 section, a proposed video lottery facility shall be located in one of the following counties:

5 (i) a location in Anne Arundel County, within 2 miles of MD Route
6 295;

7 (ii) a location in Cecil County, within 2 miles of Interstate 95;

8 (iii) a location on State property associated with the Rocky Gap State
9 Park in Allegany County;

10 (iv) a location in Worcester County, within 1 mile of the intersection
11 of Route 50 and Route 589;

12 (v) a location in Baltimore City that is:

13 1. located:

14 A. in a nonresidential area;

15 B. within one-half mile of Interstate 95;

16 C. within one-half mile of MD Route 295; and

17 D. on property that is owned by Baltimore City on the date
18 on which the application for a video lottery operation license is submitted; and

19 2. not adjacent to or within one-quarter mile of property that
20 is:

21 A. zoned for residential use; and

22 B. used for a residential dwelling on the date the application
23 for a video lottery operation license is submitted; [or]

24 (vi) a location in Prince George's County within a 4-mile radius of
25 the intersection of Bock Road and St. Barnabas Road; **OR**

26 **(VII) SUBJECT TO § 16-105 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE, A**
27 **LOCATION IN CHARLES COUNTY ON A VESSEL MOORED TO A PIER ON THE POTOMAC**
28 **RIVER, WITHIN 1 MILE OF WASHINGTON AVENUE IN COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA.**

1 (ii) The prohibitions under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph apply
2 to any subsequent holder of a video lottery operation license awarded under paragraph
3 (1)(iv) of this subsection.

4 (i) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the
5 Video Lottery Facility Location Commission may not allocate more than the following
6 number of video lottery terminals for:

7 (i) a location in Anne Arundel County – 4,750 video lottery
8 terminals;

9 (ii) a location in Baltimore City – 3,750 video lottery terminals;

10 (iii) a location in Cecil County – 2,500 video lottery terminals;

11 **(IV) A LOCATION IN CHARLES COUNTY – 1,500 VIDEO LOTTERY**
12 **TERMINALS;**

13 **[(iv)] (V)** a location in Prince George’s County – 3,000 video lottery
14 terminals;

15 **[(v)] (VI)** a location in Rocky Gap State Park (Allegany County)
16 1,500 video lottery terminals; and

17 **[(vi)] (VII)** a location in Worcester County – 2,500 video lottery
18 terminals.

19 (r) (1) Nothing in this subtitle may be construed to require the Video Lottery
20 Facility Location Commission to award all **[six] SEVEN** video lottery operation licenses
21 authorized under this subtitle.

22 (t) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Video
23 Lottery Facility Location Commission shall terminate on January 1, 2015.

24 (2) The Governor may reconstitute the Video Lottery Facility Location
25 Commission, which shall include the appointment of new members based on the criteria
26 established under subsections (b) and (c) of this section:

27 (i) **[one] 1** year prior to the expiration of a video lottery operation
28 license; **[or]**

29 (ii) following the revocation or surrender of a video lottery operation
30 license; **OR**

31 **(III) FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION OF AN ADDITIONAL VIDEO**
32 **LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE AT A LOCATION IN CHARLES COUNTY.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
2 as follows:

3 9-1A-27.

4 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and §
5 9-1A-26(a)(3) of this subtitle, on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the
6 Commission, the Comptroller shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of video
7 lottery terminals at each video lottery facility:

8 (1) (i) on or before March 31, 2015, 2% to the State Lottery and Gaming
9 Control Agency for costs as defined in § 9-1A-01 of this subtitle; and

10 (ii) beginning April 1, 2015, 1% to the State Lottery and Gaming
11 Control Agency for costs as defined in § 9-1A-01 of this subtitle;

12 (2) **40%** to the video lottery operation licensee[, the percentage stated in
13 the accepted application for the location, not to exceed, except as provided in subsection (b)
14 of this section, 33%];

15 (3) 5.5% in local impact grants, in accordance with § 9-1A-31 of this
16 subtitle;

17 (4) 6% to the Purse Dedication Account established under § 9-1A-28 of this
18 subtitle, not to exceed a total of \$100,000,000 to the Account annually;

19 (5) (i) until the issuance of a video lottery operation license in
20 Baltimore City, 1.75% to the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account established under §
21 9-1A-29 of this subtitle and distributed in accordance with that section; and

22 (ii) on or after the issuance of a video lottery operation license in
23 Baltimore City, 1% to the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account established under §
24 9-1A-29 of this subtitle and distributed in accordance with that section, not to exceed a
25 total of \$20,000,000 to the Account annually;

26 (6) 1.5% to the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses Account
27 established under § 9-1A-35 of this subtitle;

28 (7) (i) except as provided in item (ii) of this item, 6% to the video lottery
29 operation licensee if the video lottery operation licensee owns or leases each video lottery
30 terminal device and the associated equipment and software; and

31 (ii) 8% to the video lottery operation licensee in Anne Arundel
32 County;

1 (8) beginning after the issuance of a video lottery operation license for a
2 video lottery facility in Prince George's County, 8% to the video lottery operation licensee
3 in Anne Arundel County and 7% to the licensee in Baltimore City for:

4 (i) marketing, advertising, and promotional costs required under §
5 9-1A-23 of this subtitle; and

6 (ii) capital improvements at the video lottery facilities; and

7 (9) **(I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM**, the
8 remainder to the Education Trust Fund established under § 9-1A-30 of this subtitle; **AND**

9 **(II) THE REMAINDER OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE VIDEO**
10 **LOTTERY FACILITY LOCATED IN CHARLES COUNTY TO THE GOVERNOR HARRY W.**
11 **NICE MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-30.1 OF THIS**
12 **SUBTITLE.**

13 (b) (1) Beginning July 1, 2013, for a video lottery facility in Worcester County
14 with less than 1,000 video lottery terminals, the percentage in subsection (a)(2) of this
15 section is equal to 43% provided that each year an amount equivalent to 2.5% of the
16 proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility is spent on capital
17 improvements at the video lottery facility.

18 (2) After the first 10 years of operations at a video lottery facility in
19 Allegany County, the percentage:

20 (i) in subsection (a)(2) of this section is equal to 43% provided that
21 each year an amount equivalent to 2.5% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the
22 video lottery facility is spent on capital improvements at the video lottery facility; and

23 (ii) in subsection (a)(1) of this section is equal to 2%.

24 (3) For a video lottery facility in Prince George's County, the percentage in
25 subsection (a)(2) of this section stated in the accepted application for the location may not
26 exceed 38%.

27 (c) (1) For the first 10 years of operations at a video lottery facility in Allegany
28 County, on a properly approved transmittal prepared by the Commission, the Comptroller
29 shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of video lottery terminals at a video
30 lottery facility in Allegany County:

31 (i) 2% to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency for costs as
32 defined in § 9-1A-01 of this subtitle;

33 (ii) to the video lottery operation licensee, the percentage stated in
34 the accepted application for the location, not to exceed 50%;

1 (iii) 2.75% in local impact grants, in accordance with § 9–1A–31 of
2 this subtitle;

3 (iv) 2.5% to the Purse Dedication Account established under §
4 9–1A–28 of this subtitle;

5 (v) 0.75% to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses
6 Account established under § 9–1A–35 of this subtitle; and

7 (vi) the remainder to the Education Trust Fund established under §
8 9–1A–30 of this subtitle.

9 (2) After the first 10 years of operations at a video lottery facility in
10 Allegany County, the proceeds generated at the facility in Allegany County shall be
11 allocated as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

12 (d) (1) Each video lottery operation licensee shall retain 80% of the proceeds
13 of table games at the video lottery facility.

14 (2) On a properly approved transmittal prepared by the Commission, the
15 Comptroller shall pay the following amounts from the proceeds of table games at each video
16 lottery facility:

17 (i) 5% to the local jurisdiction in which the video lottery facility is
18 located, provided that:

19 1. 50% of the proceeds paid to Baltimore City shall be used
20 to fund school construction projects; and

21 2. 50% of the proceeds paid to Baltimore City shall be used
22 to fund the maintenance, operation, and construction of recreational facilities; and

23 (ii) **1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM, 15% to**
24 **the Education Trust Fund established under § 9–1A–30 of this subtitle; AND**

25 **2. OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY**
26 **FACILITY IN CHARLES COUNTY, 15% TO THE GOVERNOR HARRY W. NICE**
27 **MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9–1A–30.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

28 (e) (1) If the costs of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency are less
29 than the proceeds specified in subsection (a)(1) of this section, any amount not distributed
30 to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency shall be paid to the Education Trust Fund
31 established under § 9–1A–30 of this subtitle.

32 (2) The costs of the Commission shall be as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) On or before December 1, 2019, and every year thereafter, the State Lottery
2 and Gaming Control Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with §
3 2–1246 of this article, the General Assembly on the distribution of proceeds of video lottery
4 terminals to licensees for the procurement of video lottery terminals; marketing,
5 advertising, and promotional costs; and capital improvements and the distributions of local
6 impact grants to jurisdictions under § 9–1A–31 of this subtitle.

7 (g) Baltimore City shall report to the Baltimore City Senate and House
8 Delegations by December 31 of each year as to the distribution and use of the funds
9 provided under subsection (d) of this section.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 4 of this
11 Act, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect contingent on the taking effect of Chapter 1 of the
12 Acts of the General Assembly of the 2012 2nd Special Session, and if Chapter 1 does not
13 become effective, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further
14 action by the General Assembly.

15 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act, which
16 authorizes an additional location for video lottery gaming and table games, becomes
17 effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State at
18 the general election to be held in November of 2016, in accordance with Article XIX, § 1(e)
19 of the Maryland Constitution. The State Board of Elections shall do those things necessary
20 and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of
21 the votes cast on the question are “For the referred law” the provisions of this Act shall
22 become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum,
23 but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are “Against the referred law” the
24 provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

25 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of
26 Sections 3 and 4 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum
27 required by Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.