

**721—21.820(99F) Gambling elections.**

**21.820(1)** Petitions requesting elections to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure shall be filed with the county board of supervisors.

*a.* The petition shall be signed by eligible electors of the county equal in number to at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of President of the United States or governor at the preceding general election.

*b.* Each petition shall be in substantially the following form:

STATE OF IOWA  
PETITION REQUESTING ELECTION

\_\_\_\_\_ County

We, the undersigned eligible electors of \_\_\_\_\_ County, hereby request that an election be held on the proposition to approve or disapprove gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in the county.

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*c.* Within 10 days after receipt of a valid petition, the supervisors shall provide written notice to the county commissioner of elections directing the commissioner to submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in the county. The election shall be held within 70 days of the receipt of the petition.

d. If a regularly scheduled or special election is to be held in the county on the date selected by the supervisors, notice shall be given to the commissioner no later than the last day upon which nomination papers may be filed for that election. If the excursion gambling boat or the gambling structure election is to be held with a local option tax election, the supervisors shall provide the commissioner at least 60 days' written notice. Otherwise, the supervisors shall give at least 32 days' written notice. If the commissioner finds that the date selected by the supervisors conflicts with another election to be held that day, the commissioner shall immediately notify the supervisors in writing. Within 7 days, the supervisors shall select another date and notify the commissioner in writing.

**21.820(2)** Form of ballot for election called by petition. Ballots shall be in substantially the following form:

(Insert letter to be assigned by the commissioner)

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County are approved.

**21.820(3)** Form of ballot for elections to continue gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure:

(Insert letter to be assigned by the commissioner)

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Summary: Gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County are approved.

Gambling games, with no wager or loss limits, on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County are approved. If approved by a majority of the voters, operation of gambling games with no wager or loss limits may continue until the question is voted upon again at the general election held in 2010. If disapproved by a majority of the voters, the operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure will end within 60 days of this election. (Iowa Code section 99F.7(10) "c")

**21.820(4)** Ballot form to permit gambling games at existing pari-mutuel racetracks:

(Insert letter to be assigned by the commissioner)

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

The operation of gambling games at (name of pari-mutuel racetrack) in \_\_\_\_\_ County is approved.

**21.820(5)** Canvass of votes. The canvass of votes for a special election regarding excursion boat gambling shall be held on the Monday following the election. A copy of the abstract of votes of the election shall be sent to the state racing and gaming commission.

**21.820(6)** Ballot form for general election for continuing operation of gambling games at pari-mutuel racetracks:

(Insert letter to be assigned by the commissioner)

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Summary: The continued operation of gambling games at (name of pari-mutuel racetrack) in \_\_\_\_\_ County is approved.

The continued operation of gambling games at (name of pari-mutuel racetrack) in \_\_\_\_\_ County is approved. If approved by a majority of the voters, operation of gambling games may continue at (name of pari-mutuel racetrack) in \_\_\_\_\_ County until the question is voted on again at the general election in eight years. If disapproved by a majority of the voters, gambling games at (name of pari-mutuel racetrack) in \_\_\_\_\_ County will end.

**21.820(7)** Ballot form for general election for continuing gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure:

(Insert letter to be assigned by the commissioner)

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

- YES
- NO

Summary: The continued operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County is approved.

The continued operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County is approved. If approved by a majority of the voters, operation of gambling games may continue on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County until the question is voted on again at the general election in eight years. If disapproved by a majority of voters, gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at a gambling structure in \_\_\_\_\_ County will end nine years from the date of the original issue of the license to the current licensee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99F.7 and Iowa Code Supplement section 99F.4D.