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HOUSE FILE 531
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 72)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to limit the frequency of referendums held on a proposal
2 to operate gambling games on excursion gambling boats or to
3 operate gambling games at licensed pari-mutuel racetrack
4 enclosures and providing an effective date and retroactive
5 applicability.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99F.7, subsection 10, paragraph a, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A license to conduct gambling games on an excursion
4 gambling boat in a county shall be issued only if the county
5 electorate approves the conduct of the gambling games as
6 provided in this subsection. The board of supervisors, upon
7 receipt of a valid petition meeting the requirements of
8 section 331.306, shall direct the commissioner of elections to
9 submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition
10 to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling games on an
11 excursion gambling boat in the county. The proposition shall
12 be submitted at a general election or at a special election
13 called for that purpose. To be submitted at a general
14 election, the petition must be received by the board of
15 supervisors at least five working days before the last day for
16 candidates for county offices to file nomination papers for
17 the general election pursuant to section 44.4. If a majority
18 of the county voters voting on the proposition favor the
19 conduct of gambling games, the commission may issue one or
20 more licenses as provided in this chapter. If a majority of
21 the county voters voting on the proposition do not favor the
22 conduct of gambling games, a license to conduct gambling games
23 in the county shall not be issued. ~~After a referendum has
24 been held, another referendum requested by petition shall not
25 be held for at least two years.~~

26 Sec. 2. Section 99F.7, subsection 10, Code 1995, is
27 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. After a referendum has been held which
29 defeated a proposal to conduct gambling games on excursion
30 gambling boats or which defeated a proposal to conduct
31 gambling games at a licensed pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure
32 as provided in this section, another referendum on a proposal
33 to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or at
34 a licensed pari-mutuel racetrack shall not be held for at
35 least two years.

