

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 829

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; making Legislative findings; providing county option for cockfighting; authorizing county commissioners to call election for certain purposes; providing for election on filing certain initiative petition; providing for legalization of cockfighting in certain counties during certain period of time; construing certain provisions; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1692.1a of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature finds residents of each county in this state should have the option of suspending all provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365 within their county.

B. On the effective date of this act, all provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, shall be suspended for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days in every county in which a majority of the voters who voted in the election on State Question No. 687 affirmatively voted against the ban on cockfighting. If during the one-hundred-eighty-day period the county commissioners by resolution, or the people of such county by initiative petition, do not request by petition a county election to suspend all provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, such provisions of law pursuant to State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, prohibiting cockfighting shall

be in full force and effect until the county shall by majority vote of its people suspend the provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365.

C. The county commissioners of each county are hereby authorized to call an election:

1. Upon a resolution of the commissioners to suspend all provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365 in their county; or

2. Upon the filing of a petition with the county election board containing not less than ten percent (10%) of the qualified voters within the county petitioning that the county suspend all provisions of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365.

D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the county commissioners or the people at any time after the effective date of this act or following the one-hundred-eighty-day grace period from petitioning for a county election to suspend in such county all provisions of State Question 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, prohibiting cockfighting.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as follows:

Provisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of State Question No. 687, Initiative Petition No. 365, (21 O.S. Supp. 2002, Sections 1692.1, 1692.2, 1692.3, 1692.4, 1692.5, 1692.6, 1692.7, 1692.8 and 1692.9), are hereby codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Sections 1692.1, 1692.2, 1692.3, 1692.4, 1692.5, 1692.6, 1692.7, 1692.8, and 1692.9 respectively, unless there is created a duplication in numbering.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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