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2018 ELECTION RESULTS: U.S. GAMING REFERENDUM UPDATE

On Tuesday, there were several voter initiatives that were decided across the United States. [Volume 24 Issue 34](#) of the Michigan Gaming Newsletter included a detailed overview of the various proposals placed before voters from Missouri to Florida. Below is a summary of the election results in those states that had gaming related proposals on their ballots:

Arkansas – Statewide voters, by a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent, approved casino gaming in the following counties: Crittenden, Garland, Pope and Jefferson Counties. Under the newly enacted law, the Arkansas Racing Commission will be charged with overseeing the casino expansion. The agency has 120 days to outline the rules related to reviewing casino applicants, and until June 2019 to issue the casino licenses. <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/racing-commission/>

Louisiana – Voters across the 64 Louisiana parishes decided whether to legalize fantasy sports. Forty-seven of the 64 parishes approved fantasy sports on Tuesday. The Legislature will now be charged with assembling the legal framework associated with the operation of the industry, and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board will create administrative rules. <http://lgcb.dps.louisiana.gov/>

Missouri – Voters approved a constitutional amendment that reduces the experience necessary to run a bingo game in the state. Prior to the passage of the initiative, the Missouri Constitution required two years of membership in an organization for someone to run that organization's bingo game. The experience necessary now drops to six months. The amendment also removes constitutional language prohibiting advertising of bingo games.

Florida – Voters approved Amendment 3 by a margin of 60 percent to 40 percent, which will now request statewide voter approval for future gaming expansion. Florida, under Amendment 13, also established a phase out of wagering on live greyhound racing by 2020.

Idaho – By a margin of 54 percent to 46 percent voters in Idaho rejected a proposal to authorize electronic games based upon historic horse racing results.

2018 REVIEW OF TRIBAL GAMING OPERATIONS

The American Gaming Association (“AGA”) released a comprehensive study of the state-by-state economic impact of tribal casino gaming in the United States. The 2018 Report is the second consecutive year that Meister Economic Consulting and AGA have conducted a comprehensive study of the economic impact of tribal gaming. According to the Report, tribal gaming operators are present in 28 states and create nearly half of all U.S. gaming revenue. The Report details the widespread economic impact that tribal casinos have in states across the country, providing diverse career opportunities, supporting local businesses and generating tax revenue and revenue share payments for all levels of government.

Key findings from the report include:

- The upper Midwest is a hub of tribal gaming activity. Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin tribal casinos combined generated nearly \$1.5 billion in state, local and federal taxes and revenue share payments, supported nearly 78,000 jobs and added \$10.2 billion to the states’ economies.
- California is the largest tribal gaming state by economic activity, jobs and tax payments. Tribal casinos add \$20 billion to the Golden State’s economy, support jobs for nearly 125,000 Californians and generate \$3.4 billion in taxes and revenue share payments to all levels of government; and

- Oklahoma is the second largest tribal gaming state with tribal casinos, creating jobs for nearly 75,000 Oklahomans, generating \$1.6 billion in taxes and revenue share payments and adding \$9.6 billion to the state’s economy.

<https://www.americangaming.org/sites/default/files/Economic%20Impact%20of%20Tribal%20Gaming%20-%20Two%20Pager%20-%2011.5.18.pdf>

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE: LAME DUCK SESSION UPDATE

The Michigan Legislature is scheduled to remain in session through December 20, 2018. Proposals not adopted prior to the expiration of the legislative session will need to be reintroduced in 2019. The Michigan House of Representatives has considered or advanced several gaming related initiatives including Internet wagering, amendments to the Michigan Gaming Control Act, fantasy sports, sports wagering, charitable gaming and advanced deposit wagering on horse racing. Persons interesting in monitoring the various legislative proposals can follow the various proposals via the Michigan Gaming Newsletter, or contact Julie Williams at jwilliams@rmclegal.com to be added to RMC Legal’s 2018 Special Session Legislative Report.