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1 A referendum may be held for more than one licensee for slot
2 machine operation in a given county if the written
3 applications for each such licensee under s. 551.121 are filed
4 simultaneously or are otherwise filed within the times
5 specified by said provision to allow the conduct of a single
6 referendum. The expense of such referendum shall be borne by
7 the licensee or licensees requesting the referendum. For
8 purposes of this section, the expense of conducting a
9 referendum is the incremental expense in excess of routine
10 operating expenses that are incurred by the governing body,
11 the supervisor of elections, and other essential governmental
12 entities in conducting the election. If the referendum is
13 being held at the request of more than one licensee, each
14 applicant shall be responsible for an equal share of the
15 expense.

16 551.121 Elections for ratification of slot machine
17 licenses.--

18 (1) The holder of any license to conduct slot machine
19 operations may have the question of whether that slot machine
20 license will be ratified or rejected submitted to the electors
21 of the county designated in s. 23, Art X, State Constitution.
22 Such question shall be submitted to the electors for approval
23 or rejection at a special, primary or general election. The
24 licensee shall present a written application to the governing
25 body of the county that requests a referendum election in that
26 county pursuant to s. 551.120 and this section, accompanied by
27 a certified copy of the license granted by the division.
28 Within 30 days of receipt of the application and license, the
29 governing body shall order a special referendum election. The
30 election shall be scheduled for no sooner than 21 days nor
31 more than 90 days from the date on which it is ordered.

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1 Provided, the referendum election will be held in conjunction
 2 with the primary election if the application is received
 3 within not more than 90 nor less than 60 days of such election
 4 or in conjunction with the general election if the application
 5 is received not more than 90 nor less than 60 days prior to
 6 that election. The governing body shall give notice of the
 7 referendum election by publishing notice once each week for
 8 two (2) consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general
 9 circulation in the county.

10 (2)(a) Once the slot machine license has been issued,
 11 the licensee shall have a period of 2 years in which to
 12 request a referendum election pursuant to this section or such
 13 license shall become void and shall be cancelled. If the
 14 majority of the electors voting on the question of
 15 ratification or rejection of the slot machine licenses vote
 16 for such ratification, such license shall become effective
 17 immediately, and the holder of the license may conduct slot
 18 machine operations upon complying with the other provision of
 19 this chapter. If the majority of electors voting on the
 20 question of ratification or rejection of any slot machine
 21 licenses ratify the license, such license shall become
 22 effective, and the licensee shall pay to the division within
 23 10 days the license fee set out in this chapter.

24 (b) If the majority of electors voting on the question
 25 of ratification or rejection of any slot machine licenses
 26 reject the ratification of the license, such license shall
 27 become void. The governing board of the county shall
 28 immediately certify the results of election to the division.

29 and redesignate subsequent section.
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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, line 27, after the semicolon

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5 insert:

6 providing for conduct of referendum election

7 for slot machines; providing for elections for

8 ratification of slot machine licensing;

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