Bill No. CS for SB 1174

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11	The Committee on Judiciary (Geller) recommended the following
12	amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 23, between lines 14 and 15,
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17	insert:
18	551.120 Conduct of referendum election for slot
19	machines
20	(1) Any person who possesses the qualifications
21	prescribed by s. 23, Art. X, State Constitution, may apply to
22	the division for a license to conduct slot machine operations
23	under this chapter. Applications for a license to conduct
24	slot machine operations shall be subject to the provisions of
25	this chapter. Such license does not authorize any operation
26	of slot machines until approved by the majority of electors
27	participating in a referendum election in the county in which
28	the applicant proposes to conduct slot machine activities.
29	(2) Each referendum held under the provisions of this
30	section shall be held in accordance with the provisions of
31	<pre>chapters 97-106 except as otherwise provided in this chapter.</pre>

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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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