

**SB262 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Senator Stewart (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Town of White Hall in Lowndes County;  
to allow the authorization of pari-mutuel wagering on  
simulcast past events and live horse and dog races under  
certain conditions and to provide for the taxation of wagering  
and the distribution of tax revenue.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. As used in this act, the following words  
have the following meanings:

(1) COUNCIL. The Town Council of the Town of White Hall  
in Lowndes County.

(2) LICENSEE. A person licensed by the council to  
conduct charitable bingo pursuant to Sections 43A-2.00 or  
43A-2.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, in a facility  
not less than 40,000 square feet and in existence on October  
1, 2023, with the mailing address of 6999 Highway 80 West,  
Hayneville, Alabama 36040.

(3) SIMULCAST. Televised or broadcast by other  
electronic means.

Section 2. The council may authorize a licensee to  
conduct pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast past events and live



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horse and dog races.

Section 3. (a) (1) The council is vested with the powers and duties specified in this act and all other powers necessary and proper to enable the council to execute fully and effectually the purposes of this act.

(2) The council shall adopt rules specifying the conditions under which the licensee, as part of its licensed activity, may cause simulcast programming of pari-mutuel events, including both past events and live horse and dog races, held at racetracks located outside the state to be transmitted for public viewing to the licensee and made the subject of pari-mutuel wagering.

(3) Subject to the exceptions as the council may approve by rule in order to satisfy applicable requirements of federal law, all pari-mutuel wagering with respect to racing events that are the subject of simulcast programming shall be subject to the rules of the council governing pari-mutuel wagering.

(b) The council shall receive no revenue from the simulcast programming of racing events other than the following:

(1) The commission horse wagering fee due with respect to that part of the horse racing handle wagered on simulcast horse racing events by bettors placing bets at the facility in the jurisdiction of the council.

(2) The commission dog wagering fee due with respect to that part of the dog wagering handle wagered on simulcast dog racing events by bettors placing bets at the facility in the



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jurisdiction of the council.

(3) A portion of tax revenues with respect to the taxation provided and allocated for in this act.

(c)(1) If permitted by federal law and made possible by contractual arrangements with the operator of the racetrack that originates the simulcast programming, the licensee may conduct pari-mutuel wagering on past events and live horse or dog racing events simulcast to the facility in the municipal jurisdiction of the council from locations outside the state.

(2) When conducting pari-mutuel wagering under subdivision (1), the pari-mutuel pools for the wagering may be limited to bets made by bettors placing bets at the facility located in the jurisdiction of the council or, alternatively, the pari-mutuel pools may include bets made by bettors placing bets at the facility that conducts the simulcast event, as well as bets made by bettors placing bets at one or more locations outside the state; provided, that to the extent bettors placing bets at the facility located in the jurisdiction of the council participate in the pari-mutuel pools, the total amount wagered by the bettors shall be administered in accordance with the rules of the council.

Section 4. (a) The council shall adopt rules specifying the conditions under which the licensee, as part of its licensed activity, may cause simulcast programming of pari-mutuel events, including both past events and live horse and dog races, held at racetracks located outside the state to be transmitted for public viewing to the licensee and there made the subject of pari-mutuel wagering.



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(b) Subject to the exceptions as the council may approve by rule in order to satisfy applicable requirements of federal law, all pari-mutuel wagering with respect to racing events that are the subject of simulcast programming shall be subject to the rules of the council governing pari-mutuel wagering.

Section 5. (a) A licensee conducting pari-mutuel wagering shall pay to the council, for the use of the council, a tax in an amount equal to four percent of the total contributions less prizes paid to winners. The tax may be adjusted as determined necessary by the council but shall not exceed four percent.

(b) From the taxes paid to the council, the tax revenue shall be distributed as follows:

(1) Twenty percent to the Lowndes County Commission.

(2) Twenty percent to the Lowndes County Board of Education.

(3) Twenty percent to the Black Belt Unincorporated Wastewater Program (BBUWP).

(4) Forty percent to the council, of which amount 10 percent shall be distributed to other municipalities in Lowndes County. In addition, the council may distribute any amount of monies received pursuant to this subdivision to any charity in Lowndes County that is approved by the council.

(c) A licensee conducting historical pari-mutuel wagering shall pay to the State of Alabama a tax in an amount equal to one percent of the total contributions less prizes paid to winners.



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113           Section 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to  
114 authorize or make lawful "off-track betting" or wagering or  
115 gambling of any kind at any location in the state other than  
116 at the facility of a person who is a licensee of the council.  
117 All laws of the state, whether local or general, and all  
118 ordinances of any political subdivision thereof, that  
119 prohibit, restrict, or regulate wagering or gambling of any  
120 kind outside the jurisdiction of the council, shall not be  
121 affected by this act and shall remain in full force and  
122 effect.

123           Section 7. This act shall become effective the first  
124 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
125 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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Abstains 0

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.