

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of game rooms in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 234.132, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 234.132. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only to:

(1) a county that has a population of less than 25,000, is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, and is within 50 miles of an international border;

(2) a county that has a population of four million or more;

(3) a county that is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and to a county that has a population of four million or more;

(4) a county located on the Texas-Mexico border that has a population of less than 300,000 and contains a municipality with a population of 200,000 or more;

(5) a county that has a population of 550,000 or more and is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2);

(6) a county that is located in the Permian Basin within 25 miles of this state's border with another state of the United States and has a population of more than 130,000;

(7) a county that is located on this state's border with Louisiana, has a population of more than 65,000, and is within

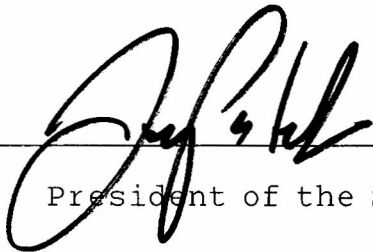
1 50 miles of a municipality in Louisiana with a population of more  
2 than 150,000;

3 (8) a county that has a population of more than 200,000  
4 and less than 220,000; [~~and~~]

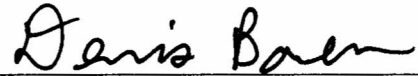
5 (9) a county that has a population of more than 1.8  
6 million and that is adjacent to a county with a population of more  
7 than 2.2 million; and

8 (10) a county that is located on this state's border  
9 with Louisiana and is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.



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President of the Senate



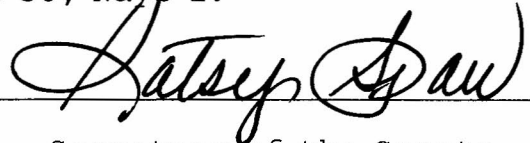
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1031 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.



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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1031 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.



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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

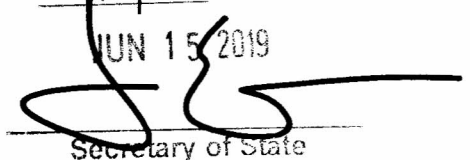
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Secretary of State

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**  
41-3642

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1031 as passed by the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

I have signed House Bill 892, which gives all counties statewide the authority to regulate game rooms by removing all local bracket provisions from the relevant statute. House Bill 1031 attempts to amend the provisions already repealed by House Bill 892. As such, House Bill 1031 is unnecessary.

Since the Eighty-Sixth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2019.



  
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

  
JOE ESPARZA  
Deputy Secretary of State

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