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Amend the amendment in section 6 by striking out all of subsection 7 (page 3, lines 33 to 39 in amendment) and inserting the following:

‘7. Statewide and county referendum; municipal vote. After January 1, 2011, any proposed casino or slot machine facility may not be issued a license unless it has been approved by a statewide referendum vote and a vote of the municipal officers or municipality in which the casino or slot machine facility is to be located, except that a commercial track licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011 is only required, as a condition to obtain a casino license, to receive approval to operate a casino by means of a referendum of the voters of the county in which the commercial track is located.’

Amend the amendment by adding after section 11 the following:

‘Sec. 12. Referendum. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation in Penobscot County for the statewide election held in November 2011 all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to conduct the county referendum required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1019, subsection 7. The question that appears on the ballot must be:

"Do you favor the addition of table games at a commercial track located in this county that was licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011?"

The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature.’

SUMMARY

This amendment requires a commercial track licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011 that wants to be licensed as a casino to receive approval of the voters of the county in which the commercial track is located. The amendment also specifies that the question must be sent out to referendum in Penobscot County in November 2011.