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Video Gambling Alert



Maryville voters say NO to gaming (58.4% vote for to keep the ban)

An effort was made by restaurant and tavern owners in the village to get a video gambling referendum placed on the ballot. Voters in Maryville followed the lead of the village board by voting against the advisory referendum.

The mayor would not make the blanket statement that video gambling is now a dead issue as another advisory referendum could make a future ballot if the required number of signatures is collected. "The hard part is, some business people really think they need it," Gulledge said. "But a lot of people in the village don't."

Read more at <http://www.theintelligencer.com/>

There was also a referendum in O'Fallon, which was put on the ballot by establishments that circulated petitions in support of overturning the ban on video gambling. Voters had to vote YES to oppose video gambling. The vote was 4,720 to allow, and 4,308 to ban video gambling.

LaSalle Mayor breaks tie to increase the number of liquor licenses for video gambling

The number of Class B liquor licenses - required for an establishment to have video gambling machines - will double to 20. The mayor said the licenses had been requested by two gas stations.

Read more at <http://newstrib.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=27&ArticleID=40141>

It's as if another casino opened in our region

Nearly 700 new electronic devices-"tavern slots"-are raking in money across the Illinois Quad-City region. That's more slots than the Clinton [Iowa] Wild Rose Casino and almost as many as Davenport's Rhythm City. **Illinois has more tavern slots than all of Iowa's 18 casinos.**

Read more at <http://qctimes.com/>

Bloomington liquor panel delays creating user fees for video gambling

The commission was considering an increase in the liquor license fees of possibly 20-30 percent in addition to a possible fee for video gambling machines. The city has not raised its liquor license fees since 1982 and has not levied a fee based on video gambling machines as have other cities.

Read more at <http://www.pantagraph.com/>