

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VI. Amended Gambling Law

- A. As of June 1, 1986, the Gambling Statute has been amended by the State Legislature. Chapter 467 of the Laws enacted by the 1986 Regular Session of Legislature expanded the exemptions available to non-profit organizations, such as the parishes.
- B. Lawful gambling is the operation, conduct or sale of bingo, raffles, paddlewheels, tip boards and pull-tabs as defined in the statutes.
- C. Lawful gambling may now be conducted by an organization such as a parish if:
 1. The organization conducts lawful gambling on five or fewer days in a calendar year;
 2. The organization does not award more than \$50,000 in prizes for lawful gambling in a calendar year;
 3. The organization notifies the Charitable Gambling Board in writing not less than 30 days before each lawful gambling occasion of the date and location of the occasion, the types of lawful gambling to be conducted, the prizes to be awarded, and receives an exemption identification number;
 4. The organization notifies the local government unit 30 days before the lawful gambling occasion;
 5. The organization purchases all gambling equipment and supplies from a licensed distributor;
 6. The organization reports to the Board, on a single-page form prescribed by the Board within 30 days of each gambling occasion with gross receipts, prizes, expenses, expenditures, net profits from the occasion and identification number of the licensed distributor from whom all gambling equipment was purchased. There are penalties for failing to file the report in a timely matter.