

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB2530</b>        |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>           |

**Research Analysis**

The CS to HB 2530 authorizes the voters of a county to reduce violations relating to cockfighting to misdemeanors. The measure provides that 5% of the voters of a county may call the election by submitting a petition signed by such voters to the county election board. A majority of the county commissioners may also call the special election.

**CHANGES CONTAINED IN THE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 3:**

Removes language relating to an election to determine cockfighting penalty. The amendment modifies the definition of cockfight by removing the language related to training fights and equipment used for training of cocks. The measure reduces the penalty for actively participating in a cockfight to a misdemeanor. The measure reduces the penalty for providing a place to be used in permitting a cockfight to a misdemeanor. The measure reduces the penalty for acting or performing any service in furtherance of a cockfight to a misdemeanor and modifies the meaning of acting or performing any service in furtherance to be limited to refereeing of birds at a cockfight. The measure provides that for a second conviction of such crimes, the person is to be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. For a third or subsequent conviction, the fine is not to exceed \$2,000.

The Floor Substitute 3 repeals:

[Title 21, Section 1692.5](#) relating to Owning, Possessing, Keeping or Training Bird for Fighting

[Title 21, Section 1692.6](#) relating to Spectators

[Title 21, Section 1692.7](#) relating to Seizure, Destruction, or Forfeiture of Cockfighting Equipment or Facilities

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure authorizes counties to have the option to reduce violations for cockfighting offenses to misdemeanors. In its current form, HB2530 is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

The floor amendment does not have an affect on the impact of this measure.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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