Police Jury Rescinds 2 a.m. Closing Law

Acadia Parish Police Jury, meeting Tuesday in August session, voted 8-1 to receive the 2 a.m. bar closing law adopted in February, this action immediately abolishing now the curfew which had been in effect in rural areas of the parish, defining rural bar owners in the open without any time restrictions.

The motion was taken by the Police Jury after Attorney Roy Bertain reported the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Lake Charles, final recourse, had upheld a District Judge decision that the Sheriff could not enforce the closing ordinance on bar areas. Any where such as a 2 a.m. Sunday ord forance is presently in effect, has jurisdiction in the unincorporated areas.

Court action began after a Davie bar owner contended the closing law was being violated by him and was charged with violation by the Sheriff's Department. First court decision was in favor of the bar owner, and the Police Jury withheld any action until a final ruling was given by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, this ruling upholding the initial decision. After hearing the rulings from Attorney Bertain, Police Jury President, Lou Broussard, asked for a 2 a.m. curfew on the matter of repop the ordinance, with Transportation at the public hearing 2 a.m. curfew on the ordinance, with

Jean Royer of Crowley and Leroy Broussard, John T. Julian, and Charles Place in favor and Rayne voting against rescinding the closing law. Royer stated that the Police

Jury, in originally passing the closing ordinance, was of the opinion that it was needed. Police Jury action would bring the law and expenses in the city to law in the parish, but expenses for a public hearing to be done in every county would only burden taxpayers. Royer said the main reason for the 2 a.m. curfew was to get the public safety in mind.

Terry LaCombe, E.J., President of the Jury, told the Jury that the curfew was not used to prevent disasters by regular police, and that there would be no change in the 2 a.m. curfew. John K. Meyer, Roberts Bar

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Mayor Ernest "Shoneley" LaFave of Crowley stated that he was the only person who had asked for a 2 a.m. curfew to be considered. LaFave said that the curfew would only hurt the business and there would be no change in the 2 a.m. curfew. John K. Meyer, Roberts Bar

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