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H.B. No. 3296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a general-purpose political committee to conduct a raffle to raise money for political purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 2002, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2002. CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL RAFFLES

SECTION 2. Section 2002.001, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2002.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the Charitable and Political Raffle Enabling Act.

SECTION 3. Section 2002.002, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (7) to read as follows:

(2) "Qualified organization" means a qualified religious society, qualified volunteer fire department, qualified volunteer emergency medical service, ~~or~~ qualified nonprofit organization, or authorized political committee.

(7) "Authorized political committee" means a general-purpose committee as defined by Section 251.001, Election Code.

SECTION 4. Section 2002.052, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) Subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to a raffle

1 conducted by an authorized political committee.

2 SECTION 5. Section 2002.053, Occupations Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2002.053. USE OF RAFFLE PROCEEDS. (a) All proceeds
5 from the sale of tickets for a raffle conducted by a qualified
6 organization other than an authorized political committee must be
7 spent for the charitable purposes of the organization.

8 (b) All proceeds from the sale of tickets for a raffle
9 conducted by an authorized political committee must be spent for
10 the purposes for which the committee is authorized by law to spend
11 political contributions received by the committee.

12 SECTION 6. Section 2002.054, Occupations Code, is amended
13 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

14 (d) This section does not apply to a raffle conducted by an
15 authorized political committee.

16 SECTION 7. Section 2004.056, Occupations Code, is amended
17 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

18 (e) Subsection (d) does not apply to a raffle conducted by
19 an authorized political committee.

20 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect on the date the
21 constitutional amendment proposed by the 79th Legislature, Regular
22 Session, 2005, authorizing political action committees to conduct
23 raffles to raise money for political purposes becomes effective.
24 If that constitutional amendment is not approved by the voters,
25 this Act has no effect.