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H.B. No. 1318

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of presidential general election  
debates for distributions from a Major Events trust fund.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 5A(a)(4) and (5), Chapter 1507 (S.B.  
456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article  
5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by S.B. 293,  
Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, are amended to  
read as follows:

(4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate  
Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National  
Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National  
Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star  
Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl  
Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate  
Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision  
postseason playoff or championship game, a World Cup Soccer game,  
the World Games, a national collegiate championship of an amateur  
sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is  
recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an Olympic  
activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training program,  
or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic  
Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, a mixed martial  
arts championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula

1 One automobile race, the Academy of Country Music Awards, the  
2 National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown, a presidential  
3 general election debate, a national political convention of the  
4 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National  
5 Committee, or the largest event held each year at a sports  
6 entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating  
7 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less  
8 than 125,000. The term includes any activities related to or  
9 associated with an event.

10 (5) "Site selection organization" means:

11 (A) the National Football League, the National  
12 Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Basketball  
13 Association, ESPN or an affiliate, the National Hockey League,  
14 Major League Baseball, the Federation Internationale de Football  
15 Association (FIFA), the International World Games Association, the  
16 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), or the  
17 United States Olympic Committee;

18 (B) the national governing body of a sport that  
19 is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, the National  
20 Thoroughbred Racing Association, Formula One Management Limited,  
21 or the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile;

22 (C) the Academy of Country Music;

23 (D) the National Cutting Horse Association;

24 (E) the Republican National Committee or the  
25 Democratic National Committee; ~~or~~

26 (F) the Ultimate Fighting Championship; or

27 (G) the Commission on Presidential Debates.

1           SECTION 2. Section 5A, Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the  
2 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's  
3 Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to  
4 read as follows:

5           (a-3) For purposes of Subsection (a-1) of this section, each  
6 presidential general election debate in a series of presidential  
7 debates before a general election is considered a separate, single  
8 event.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.