

By: Bell

H.B. No. 1440

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of Elite Rodeo Association World  
3 Championships for funding from the Major Events trust fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 5A(a)(4) and (5), Chapter 1507 (S.B.  
6 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article  
7 [5190.14](#), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 (4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate  
10 Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National  
11 Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National  
12 Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star  
13 Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl  
14 Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate  
15 Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision  
16 postseason playoff or championship game, a World Cup Soccer game,  
17 the World Games, an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, a  
18 national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned by  
19 the national governing body of the sport that is recognized by the  
20 United States Olympic Committee, an Olympic activity, including a  
21 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program  
22 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community  
23 Olympic Development Program, a mixed martial arts championship, the  
24 Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula One automobile race,

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

9 (5) "Site selection organization" means:

10 (A) the National Football League, the National  
11 Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Basketball  
12 Association, the National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, the  
13 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the  
14 International World Games Association, the Elite Rodeo  
15 Association, or the United States Olympic Committee;

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

20 (C) the Academy of Country Music;

21 (D) the National Cutting Horse Association; or

22 (E) the Republican National Committee or the  
23 Democratic National Committee.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

H.B. No. 1440

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.