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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to  
3 conduct charitable raffles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is  
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d-1) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The Legislature shall pass laws prohibiting lotteries  
9 and gift enterprises in this State other than those authorized by  
10 Subsections (b), (d), (d-1), and (e) of this section.

11 (d-1) The legislature by general law may permit a  
12 professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct  
13 charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by  
14 general law. The law may authorize the charitable foundation to pay  
15 with the raffle proceeds reasonable advertising, promotional, and  
16 administrative expenses. A law enacted under this subsection may  
17 apply only to an entity that is defined as a professional sports  
18 team charitable foundation on January 1, 2016, and may only allow  
19 charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue  
20 of the professional sports team associated with a professional  
21 sports team charitable foundation.

22 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.  
24 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the

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1 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
2 legislature to permit professional sports team charitable  
3 foundations to conduct charitable raffles."