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S.B. No. 541

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of presidential general election
3 debates for distributions from a 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, a national collegiate championship of an amateur
18 sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is
19 recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an Olympic
20 activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training program,
21 or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic
22 Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, a mixed martial
23 arts championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula
24 One automobile race, the Academy of Country Music Awards, the

1 National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown, a presidential
2 general election debate, 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, or the United States Olympic
15 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; or

24 (F) the Commission on Presidential Debates.

25 SECTION 2. Section 5A, Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the
26 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's
27 Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to

1 read as follows:

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

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