

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.J.R. 143
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law authorizes qualifying professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes, such as after-school health and fitness programs, community service initiatives, and youth scholarships. Given that these charitable raffles have proven to be instrumental in generating revenue in support of these important charitable purposes, there have been calls to allow more foundations to conduct these raffles. H.J.R. 143 seeks to answer this call by proposing a constitutional amendment, subject to voter approval, to authorize the organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo events.

H.J.R. 143 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by certain professional associations to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 47(d-1), Article III, Texas Constitution, as follows:

(d-1) Provides that a law enacted under this subsection applies only to an entity defined as a professional sports team charitable foundation under certain general law and is authorized to only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games or rodeo events hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation. Redefines "professional sports team" to include an organization sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Requires that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. Sets forth the required language of the ballot.