

RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 143
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 143 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to designate an organization sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association as a professional sports team for the purpose of authorizing such an organization to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo events.

ELECTION DATE

The constitutional amendment proposed by this joint resolution will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.