

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1617

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-11

1 A PROPOSITION to amend article 15 of the constitution of the state of
2 Kansas by adding a new section thereto, authorizing the legislature to
3 provide for the conduct of raffles by certain nonprofit organizations.
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5 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
6 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
7 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
8 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

9 Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of
10 the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state
11 for their approval or rejection: Article 15 of the constitution of the state of
12 Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto to read as
13 follows:

14 **"§ 3d. Regulation, licensing and taxation of "raffles"**
15 **authorized.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of
16 article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, the
17 legislature may authorize private, nonprofit organizations, as
18 defined by the legislature to conduct raffles or other charitable
19 gaming, as defined by the legislature for religious, charitable,
20 fraternal, educational and veterans organizations' nonprofit
21 purposes. No such nonprofit organization shall contract with a
22 professional raffle or other lottery vendor to manage, operate or
23 conduct any raffle."

24 Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with
25 the amendment as a whole:

26 *"Explanatory statement.* The constitution currently prohibits the
27 operation of lotteries except for specifically authorized
28 lotteries. A raffle or other charitable gaming, is a lottery and
29 is illegal under current law.

30 "A vote for this proposition would permit the legislature to
31 authorize raffles or other charitable gaming, operated or
32 conducted by nonprofit organizations as defined by the
33 legislature for religious, charitable, fraternal, educational and
34 veterans' organizations nonprofit purposes. The legislature
35 would define what constitutes a raffle or other charitable
36 gaming. Nonprofit organizations would be prohibited from

1 contracting with a professional lottery vendor to manage,
2 operate or conduct a raffle.

3 "A vote against this proposition would continue the current
4 prohibition against all raffles or other charitable gaming."

5 Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members
6 elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the
7 members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of
8 Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas
9 and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published
10 as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be
11 submitted to the electors of the state at the primary election in August in
12 the year 2014 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by
13 concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case, it shall be
14 submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.