

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1618

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-12

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 permit the conduct of charitable raffles or other forms of charitable
4 gaming by certain nonprofit organizations.
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6 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of*
7 *the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-*
8 *thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House*
9 *of Representatives concurring therein:*

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

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

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

25 *"Explanatory statement.* The constitution currently prohibits the
26 operation of lotteries except for specifically authorized
27 lotteries. A raffle is a lottery and is illegal under current law.

28 "A vote for this proposition would permit the legislature to
29 authorize charitable raffles operated or conducted by
30 religious, charitable, fraternal, educational and veterans
31 nonprofit organization. The legislature would define what
32 constitutes a charitable raffle. Nonprofit organizations would
33 be prohibited from contracting with a professional lottery
34 vendor to manage, operate or conduct a charitable raffle.

35 "A vote against this proposition would continue the current
36 prohibition against all raffles."

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