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## Overview

This bill adds an exception to the criminal penalty for unlawful gambling, for raffles conducted by candidates for state elected office.

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**1 Candidate campaign raffle.** State law currently provides a number of exceptions to the prohibition on gambling. This bill adds raffles conducted by a candidate for state office to the exceptions, as long as the raffle complies with several conditions.

A raffle is an event in which a person buys a ticket for an equal chance to win a prize that is determined by random selection.

The conditions on the raffle include:

- (1) A candidate for the state legislature may not conduct a raffle during a regular or special legislative session.
- (2) Tickets are only sold to persons 18 years of age or older, and are not purchased by the candidate. Officers of the candidate's principal campaign committee, and immediate family members of the candidate, may purchase no more than one ticket.
- (3) A candidate may conduct no more than three raffles per year.
- (4) The retail value of prizes awarded may not be more than \$3,000.
- (5) All tickets must be sold for the same price, and the raffle must provide an equal chance of winning.

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(6) Raffle participants are not required to be present to win.

The bill does not authorize raffles to be conducted by any other political or campaign organization registered under chapter 10A.