

HELP MAKE CHARITABLE RAFFLES LEGAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Though many organizations use raffles and other forms of drawings as fundraising tools, they have long been, and continue to be, illegal in South Carolina. SCANPO has actively worked to make charitable raffles legal and provide SC nonprofits with an effective fundraising tool used in all but four states.

In 2013, Bill S. 213 passed and was signed by the Governor. It legalizes raffles held by recognized nonprofits for charitable purposes. However, it will NOT go into effect until voters approve an amendment to the State Constitution, and that amendment is ratified by the SC General Assembly.

So, raffles remain illegal.

How Can You Help?

Bill S.239 places the issue before the voters on the **November 4, 2014** ballot.

Nonprofit leaders can help by:

- Educating their boards, donors, volunteers, and clients – all registered voters
- Contacting state representatives and encouraging their timely attention to and ratification of the amendment in January 2015



Voters will be asked:

“Must Section 7, Article XVII of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to provide that a raffle is not a lottery prohibited by this section, if the raffle is conducted by a nonprofit organization for charitable, religious, fraternal, educational, or other eleemosynary purposes, and the general law defines the type of organization authorized to operate and conduct the raffles, provides standards for the operation and conduct of the raffles, provides for the use of proceeds for charitable, religious, fraternal, educational, or other eleemosynary purposes, provides penalties for violations, and provides for other laws necessary to ensure the proper functioning, honesty, and integrity of the raffles, but in the absence of any general law, then the raffle remains a prohibited lottery?”

This simply means: “Can the General Assembly pass a law making raffles legal for nonprofits?”

Please vote yes. And ask others to vote yes.

VOTE YES ON NOVEMBER 4!

Learn more:

www.scanpo.org/our-collective-voice/charitable-raffles