

Nonprofit Raffle Public Education – Brochure and Webinar⁴³

In order to educate the public about nonprofit raffles, the Secretary of State provides a raffles webinar on its website and distributes a raffles brochure at public speaking engagements, in its lobby, and on its website. Information on raffles is also provided at wise charitable giving presentations, as well as presentations to the nonprofit community.

<p style="text-align: center;">NONPROFIT RAFFLES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Legal Requirements in South Carolina</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary of State Mark Hammond 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525 Columbia, SC 29201</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FAQ</p> <p><i>In 2015, nonprofit raffles became legal in South Carolina. However, a nonprofit organization must meet certain legal requirements in order to conduct raffles. Here are some frequently asked questions regarding charitable raffles in our state.</i></p> <p>Q. Which nonprofit organizations are legally permitted to hold raffles in South Carolina?</p> <p>A. In order to conduct a raffle, a nonprofit organization must meet ALL three of the of the following criteria:</p> <p>(1) The nonprofit must be either tax-exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)3, 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), 501(c)(19), or 501(d); <u>or</u> a class, department, or organization of an educational institution;</p> <p>(2) The nonprofit must be operated for a charitable purpose; and</p> <p>(3) The nonprofit must be registered to solicit charitable donations in South Carolina pursuant to the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, <u>or</u> excluded from the Act's registration requirements.</p>
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⁴³ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Charities and Trademarks (October 28, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Secretary of State, Office of the,” and under “Meetings,” [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20presentation%20-%20Charities%20and%20Trademarks%20\(10.28.19\).pdf](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20presentation%20-%20Charities%20and%20Trademarks%20(10.28.19).pdf) (accessed November 27, 2019), slide 91. Hereinafter “Charities Presentation.”