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HOUSE BILL DRH40256-LU-107

Short Title: No Soliciting Certain Funds/Elections Boards. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Johnson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTIONS.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
5 a new section to read:

6 "**§ 163-29. Solicitation or acceptance of private funds for election purposes prohibited.**

7 (a) As used in this section, the following terms mean:

8 (1) Election. – Each election held to nominate or elect a candidate to any public  
9 office.

10 (2) Person. – Any individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture,  
11 syndicate, labor union, business trust, company, association, committee,  
12 corporation, whether or not operated for profit, or any other organization or  
13 group of persons acting in concert.

14 (3) Public funds. – Funds derived from taxes, fees, and other sources of public  
15 revenue lawfully appropriated by the General Assembly.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board of Elections  
17 shall not solicit, take, or otherwise accept from any person any contribution, donation, or anything  
18 else of value for purposes of conducting State or local elections in this State. All costs and  
19 expenses relating to elections shall be paid for with public funds. A violation of this section is a  
20 Class I felony."

21 SECTION 2. Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
22 a new section to read:

23 "**§ 163-37.2. Solicitation or acceptance of private funds for election purposes prohibited.**

24 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no county board of commissioners,  
25 elected municipal officials, or county board of elections shall solicit, take, or otherwise accept  
26 from any person any contribution, donation, or anything else of value for purposes of conducting  
27 State or local elections in this State. All costs and expenses relating to elections shall be paid for  
28 with public funds. For purposes of this section, the terms "election," "person," and "public funds"  
29 shall have the same meanings as defined in G.S. 163-29(a). A violation of this section is a Class  
30 I felony."

31 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

