

House Bill 62

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 primaries and elections generally, so as to prohibit boards of elections, boards of elections
3 and registration, local election superintendents, and county boards of registrars from
4 accepting or expending private funds; to provide that such local elections officials can only
5 accept lawful appropriations of public funds or authorized fees; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and
10 elections generally, is amended in Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 2, relating to county board
11 of elections and county board of elections and registration, by adding a new Code section to
12 read as follows:

13 "21-2-41.

14 (a) A board of elections or board of elections and registration established pursuant to this
15 subpart shall only be authorized to accept funding from lawful appropriations of public
16 funds from the government of the United States, the State of Georgia, or a Georgia county

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17 or municipality. No such board of elections or board of elections and registration shall be
18 authorized to accept or expend any grant, gift, or funding from private persons,
19 corporations, organizations, partnerships, registered political parties, or political bodies.
20 (b) A board of elections or board of elections and registration established pursuant to this
21 subpart shall be authorized to collect any fees authorized by general law."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Said chapter is further amended by revising Part 3 of Article 2, relating to superintendents,
24 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

25 "21-2-71.1.

26 (a) A superintendent of a county or municipality shall only be authorized to accept funding
27 from lawful appropriations of public funds from the government of the United States, the
28 State of Georgia, or a Georgia county or municipality. No such superintendent shall be
29 authorized to accept or expend any grant, gift, or funding from private persons,
30 corporations, organizations, partnerships, registered political parties, or political bodies.

31 (b) A superintendent of a county or municipality shall be authorized to collect any fees
32 authorized by general law."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-212, relating to county
35 registrars, appointment, certification, term of service, vacancies, compensation and expenses
36 of chief registrar, registrars, and other officers and employees, and budget estimates, by
37 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

38 "(g)(1) A county board of registrars shall only be authorized to accept funding from
39 lawful appropriations of public funds from the government of the United States, the State
40 of Georgia, or a Georgia county or municipality. No county board of registrars shall be

41 authorized to accept or expend any grant, gift, or funding from private persons,
42 corporations, organizations, partnerships, registered political parties, or political bodies.
43 (2) A county board of registrars shall be authorized to collect any fees authorized by
44 general law."

45 **SECTION 4.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.