BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

Floor Amendment 1 to HB 2682 deletes persons who serve as unpaid interns or who volunteer their labor for community service credit or school credit from the list of which will not be considered a contribution, or thing of value in the measure prohibiting offering such things for the purposes of conducting or administering any election. The floor amendment also provides that food or beverage items provided be of nominal value and provides that donations not directly related may be accepted.

HB 2682 prohibits any person from offering or providing any contribution, donation, or anything else of value for purposes of conducting or administrating any election. The following will not be considered a contribution, donation, or thing of value:

- Providing space or property for use as a polling place or for in-person absentee voting for free or at below-market price;
- Persons who volunteer as precinct officials, absentee voting board members, or as election workers;
- Persons who volunteer to assist the county election board or the State Election Board;
- Food or beverage items provided to precinct officials, absentee voting board members, or election officials;
- Items of nominal value including pens, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies; and
- Airing or publication of public service announcements or press releases issued by the State Election Board or a county election board.

Donations that are not directly related to election administration may be accepted only upon written approval by the Governor and written notification sent to Legislature leadership. A willful and intentional violation of this act will be punishable as previously put into law through the "Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections Act."

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Fiscal Analysis

The modifications the floor amendment provides to HB 2682 would have no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

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