

HOUSE BILL 966

By Carringer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
relative to private funding for elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person shall not contribute, including in-kind contributions, donate, pay, or otherwise transfer money or equipment to the state election commission or the coordinator of elections for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Election" means a primary, general, special, or runoff election; and

(2) "Person" means a natural person, business, firm, corporation, or other private entity.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person shall not contribute, including in-kind contributions, donate, pay, or otherwise transfer money or equipment to a county election commission, local government, administrator, registrar, or other election official for purposes of conducting state or local elections in this state.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Election" means a primary, general, special, or runoff election; and

(2) "Person" means a natural person, business, firm, corporation, or other private entity.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 20, is amended by adding the following new section:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a taxpayer-funded audit of an election or election equipment must conform to the United States government accountability office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.