



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 306

SENATE BILL NO. 1534

By Roberts, Jackson, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 966

By Carringer, Griffey, Crawford, Smith, Powers, Moody, Todd, Travis, Keisling, Lynn, Hazlewood

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) The state election commission, secretary of state, or coordinator of elections may only accept funding from appropriations of public funds from the United States government, the state of Tennessee, or a county or municipality in this state. The state election commission, secretary of state, or coordinator of elections shall not accept or expend any grant, gift, or funding from private persons, corporations, organizations, or political parties for conducting an election unless such acceptance or expenditure is approved by the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) The state election commission, secretary of state, and coordinator of elections may collect and expend fees authorized by law in this state.

(c) This section does not apply to election information advertising, donation of use of a location for voting purposes, volunteer labor by citizens of this state, pens, sanitizer, or nominal items.

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

(a) The county election commission or the administrator of elections may only accept funding from appropriations of public funds from the United States government, the state of Tennessee, or a county or municipality in this state. The county election commission or the administrator of elections shall not accept or expend any grant, gift, or funding from private persons, corporations, organizations, partnerships, or political parties for conducting an election unless such acceptance or expenditure is approved by the secretary of state or designee of the secretary of state.

(b) The county election commission and the administrator of elections may collect and expend fees authorized by law in this state.

(c) This section does not apply to election information advertising, donation of use of a location for voting purposes, volunteer labor by citizens of Tennessee, pens, sanitizer, or nominal items.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2021




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR