

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ AND HODGES

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1400.10, relative to the funding of elections and related expenses; to
3 prohibit public officials and agencies from using private donations to pay costs
4 related to conducting elections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 18:1400.10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1400.10. Prohibition on use of private funds for election-related expenses

9 A. No state or local official, including but not limited to a registrar of voters
10 or a clerk of court, or agency responsible for conducting elections shall solicit,
11 accept, use, or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or
12 personal services from individuals or profit or nonprofit corporations, for the purpose
13 of paying costs related to conducting elections.

14 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section do not apply to the
15 solicitation, acceptance, use, or disposal of campaign contributions or in-kind
16 contributions by any candidate for public office for the purpose of meeting expenses
17 related to seeking that office.

18 C. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section do not apply to the
19 donation of private property for use as a polling place or to the donation or use of
20 equipment for the restoration and maintenance of utilities to a precinct or polling
21 place in the event of an outage.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____