

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 51****2020 Second Extraordinary Session****Miguez**

ELECTIONS: Provides for prohibition of using private funds for any part of our election system (Item #5)

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. The bill is as it left the House.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides relative to payment of costs related to elections including payment of costs of ballots and election materials, publication of the location of polling places, of renting polling places, of drayage, of setting up voting machines, of compensating commissioners and deputy parish custodians, of transmitting election returns, of other election-related costs incurred by registrars of voters, clerks of court, and the parish board of election supervisors. Present law further specifies that election expenses will be shared on a prorated basis by the state and local governments from funds appropriated to the secretary of state for that purpose.

Proposed law provides that, except as otherwise authorized by law, no state or local official or agency responsible for conducting elections shall solicit, accept, use, or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property, or personal services from individuals or profit or nonprofit corporations, for the purpose of funding election related expenses during a declared state of emergency. Proposed law provides that the prohibition does not apply to the solicitation, acceptance, use, or disposal of campaign contributions or in-kind contributions by a candidate for public office for the purpose of meeting expenses related to seeking that office.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:1400.10)