

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ, AMEDEE, CREWS, DESHOTEL, EDMONSTON,  
EMERSON, FIRMENT, HODGES, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, AND  
SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1400.10, relative to funding of elections and related expenses; to provide  
3 relative to election expenses paid by the secretary of state; to provide relative to  
4 election expenses paid by a governing authority; to provide relative to election  
5 expenses incurred by clerks of court and registrars of voters; to provide relative to  
6 election expenses for parish boards of election supervisors; to provide exceptions;  
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §1400.10. Prohibition on use of private funds for election related expenses

11 A. Except as otherwise authorized by law, when an election is held during  
12 a state of emergency declared by the governor, no state or local official, including  
13 but not limited to a registrar of voters or a clerk of court, or agency responsible for  
14 conducting elections, shall solicit, accept, use, or dispose of any donation in the form  
15 of money, grants, property, or personal services from individuals or profit or  
16 nonprofit corporations, for the purpose of funding election-related expenses.

17 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to the  
18 solicitation, acceptance, use, or disposal of any campaign contribution or in-kind  
19 contribution by any candidate for public office for the purpose of meeting expenses  
20 related to seeking that office.

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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