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HOUSE BILL DRH40753-ST-68

Short Title: Private Money in Elections.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cleveland.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL PRIVATE MONETARY DONATIONS GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION EQUALLY TO ALL COUNTIES IN THE STATE ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO USE THE PRIVATE MONETARY DONATIONS TO UPGRADE VOTING EQUIPMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 163-28.1. Private monetary donations.

(a) All private monetary donations shall be given to the State Board. No other political subdivision of this State may accept any private monetary donations unless the private monetary donation is remitted to the State Board. If a political subdivision receives any private monetary donations, the political subdivision shall remit those funds to the State Board within 60 days.

(b) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the State Board shall disburse private monetary donations received equally among all the counties in the State.

(c) Each county receiving a disbursement under subsection (b) of this section shall use the disbursement for the purpose of upgrading voting systems and equipment.

(d) For purposes of this section, "private monetary donations" shall mean all monies given by individuals or private organizations to support the conduct and administration of elections."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022, and applies to any private monetary donations received on or after that date.

