



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 379

LCO No. 4963



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PRIVATE FUNDS BY THE STATE
AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION
PURPOSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Public agency" means any executive, administrative or legislative
3 office of the state or any political subdivision of the state and any state
4 or town agency, any department, institution, bureau, board,
5 commission, authority or official of the state or of any city, town,
6 borough or municipal corporation, including any committee of, or
7 created by, any such office, subdivision, agency, department,
8 institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official; and

9 (2) "Private funds" means any gift, grant, donation, contribution,
10 bequest, devise, financial assistance or thing of value from a private
11 source, unless consideration of equal or greater value is provided in
12 return to such private source.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no public

14 agency may solicit, receive, disburse or otherwise use private funds for
15 the purpose of carrying out any provision of title 9 of the general statutes
16 related to election administration, including, but not limited to,
17 compensation of any individual, payment for any good or service or
18 reimbursement of any expense.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the solicitation, receipt or use by the state and municipalities of private funds for the purpose of carrying out election administration functions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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