By: Representative Gunn

To: Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1365 (As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY AGENCY OR STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL FROM SOLICITING, ACCEPTING OR OTHERWISE USING PRIVATE FUNDS FOR ANY ELECTION-RELATED EXPENSES OR VOTER EDUCATION, VOTER OUTREACH OR VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

- 6 **SECTION 1.** No agency or state or local official responsible
- 7 for conducting elections may solicit, accept, use or dispose of
- 8 any donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal
- 9 services from an individual or a nongovernmental entity for the
- 10 purpose of funding election-related expenses or voter education,
- 11 voter outreach or voter registration programs. This section shall
- 12 not apply to any executive committee or political party during the
- 13 conduct of a primary election. This section does not prohibit the
- 14 donation and acceptance of space to be used for a polling place.
- 15 This section shall not prohibit an individual from contributing
- 16 his or her personal time to assist with voter education, voter
- 17 <u>outreach</u>, voter registration programs or other election related
- 18 programs as long as such individual receives no compensation or
- 19 <u>in-kind donation for contributing his or her time.</u>

- 20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 21 and after July 1, 2022.

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