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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2682 prohibits any person from offering or providing any contribution, donation, or anything else of value for purposes of conducting or administrating any election. The following will not be considered a contribution, donation, or thing of value:

- Providing space or property for use as a polling place or for in-person absentee voting for free or at below-market price;
- Persons who volunteer as precinct officials, absentee voting board members, or as election workers;
- Persons who volunteer to assist the county election board or the State Election Board;
- Persons who serve as unpaid interns or volunteer to get community service credit or school credit;
- Food or beverage items provided to precinct officials, absentee voting board members, or election officials;
- Items of nominal value including pens, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies; and
- Airing or publication of public service announcements or press releases issued by the State Election Board or a county election board.

Donations or contributions of substantial value that are not directly related to election administration may be accepted only upon written approval by the Governor and written notification sent to Legislature leadership. A willful and intentional violation of this act will be punishable as previously put into law through the "Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections Act."

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2682 prohibits offering or providing any contribution or donation for purposes of conducting or administering an election, with a list of exceptions. This measure also provides that any donation or contribution of substantial value not directly related to election administration may be accepted by the State Election Board (SEB) upon approval of the Governor. Per the SEB, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

