22100555D 1 **SENATE BILL NO. 45** 2 3 4 5 Offered January 12, 2022 Prefiled December 28, 2021 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-947.4:2, relating to campaign finance; prohibited contributions to candidates. 6 Patrons—Petersen; Delegates: Kory, LaRock and Roem 7 8 Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 9 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 24.2-947.4:2 as follows: 11 § 24.2-947.4:2. Prohibited contributions to candidates; public utility. 12 13 No candidate, campaign committee, or political committee shall solicit or accept a contribution from 14 any public utility, nor shall a public utility or political committee established by such public utility make **15** any such contribution. 16

For the purposes of this section, "public utility" means any public utility as defined in § 56-232 and includes any subsidiary or parent company of such a public utility.

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