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SENATE BILL NO. 80

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE (Proposed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections on January 25, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Stanley)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-124.1, relating to state and local elections officials; acceptance of certain gifts and funding prohibited.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-124.1 as follows:

§ 24.2-124.1. Acceptance of certain gifts and funding prohibited.

The State Board, the Department, each local electoral board, and all offices of the general registrar shall not solicit, accept, use, or dispose of any money, grants, property, or services, given by a private individual or nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding voter education and outreach programs, voter registration programs, or any other expense incurred in the conduct of elections.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit (i) the operation of a polling place or voter satellite office in a facility furnished by a private individual or nongovernmental entity that otherwise meets the requirements for polling places provided in §§ 24.2-310 and 24.2-310.1 or voter satellite offices provided in § 24.2-701.2 or (ii) acceptance of a federal government grant funded in whole or part by donations from private individuals or nongovernmental entities.