

15 "21-2-18.

16 (a) As used in this Code section:

17 (1) 'Government employee' means any individual, committee, entity, or group acting in
18 concert who are employed by a county or municipal government. Such term shall
19 include, but not be limited to, election superintendents, registrars, poll workers, and the
20 agents and employees thereof.

21 (2) 'Person' means any individual, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture,
22 syndicate, labor union, business trust, company, association, committee, corporation,
23 whether operated for profit or not, or any other organization of a group of persons acting
24 in concert, or any other nongovernmental third-party entity.

25 (b) All costs and expenses related to conducting primaries, elections, runoffs, or other
26 undertakings authorized or required by this chapter shall be paid from lawfully
27 appropriated public funds.

28 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no county or municipal
29 government, government employee, or election official shall solicit, take, or otherwise
30 accept from any person a contribution, donation, service, or anything else of value for the
31 purpose of conducting primaries or elections or in support of performing his or her duties
32 under this chapter.

33 (d) Any county or municipal government, government employee, or election official who
34 has taken or otherwise accepted from any person a contribution, donation, service, or
35 anything else of value for the purpose of conducting primaries or elections or in support
36 of performing his or her duties under this chapter on or after January 1, 2023, shall
37 immediately return the same to the entity which provided such thing of value within 14
38 days of the effective date of this Code section.

39 (e) This Code section shall not apply to the donation or use of locations for voting
40 purposes, services provided by individuals without remuneration, or goods that have
41 nominal value of less than \$200.00.

42 (f) Violation of this Code section shall constitute a felony, and upon conviction shall be
43 punished by imprisonment for not less than one year and by a fine of not less than
44 \$10,000.00."

45 **SECTION 2.**

46 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-71, relating
47 to payment by county or municipality of superintendent's expenses, and study and report on
48 acceptance and equitable distribution of donations, as follows:

49 "(b) No superintendent, county, or municipality shall take or accept any ~~funding~~, grants;
50 or gifts for purposes of administering this chapter from any source other than ~~from the~~
51 ~~governing authority of the county or municipality~~, the State of Georgia; or the federal
52 government."

53 **SECTION 3.**

54 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-212, relating to county registrars,
55 appointment, certification, term of service, vacancies, compensation, and expenses of chief
56 registrar, registrars, and other officers and employees, and budget estimates, by revising
57 subsection (f) as follows:

58 "(f) The board of registrars of each county shall prepare annually a budget estimate in
59 which it shall set forth an itemized list of its expenditures for the preceding two years and
60 an itemized estimate of the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the ensuing
61 year and shall submit the same at the time and in the manner and form other county budget
62 estimates are required to be filed. No board of registrars shall take or accept any ~~funding~~,
63 grants; or gifts for the purpose of administering this chapter from any source other than
64 ~~from the governing authority of the county~~, the State of Georgia; or the federal
65 government."

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SECTION 4.

67 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
68 without such approval.

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SECTION 5.

70 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.