

SENATE BILL 1315

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;  
Title 3; Title 4; Title 8; Title 16 and Title 17, relative  
to the "Tennessee Election Integrity Act".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Election Integrity Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 5, is amended by adding the following new sections:

**8-50-507.**

(a) The state election commission and state election officials and employees shall not accept funding or contributions, including in-kind contributions, for the purpose of conducting an election in this state unless the funding or contribution:

(1) Originates from an approved federal or state:

- (A) Budget;
- (B) Appropriation; or
- (C) Grant; or

(2) Originates from a nongovernmental entity and the funding or contribution is:

(A) If the general assembly is in session, approved by joint resolution of the general assembly; or

(B) If the general assembly is not in session, approved by the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the

senate, the secretary of state, the comptroller of the treasury, and the treasurer.

(b) The secretary of state and each member and employee of the state election commission shall annually disclose an itemized list of any funds or contributions accepted for the purpose of conducting an election in this state that were accepted from a source other than those described in subdivision (a)(1) to the state ethics commission in the same manner that disclosure statements of conflicts of interests are disclosed under § 8-50-501.

**8-50-508.**

(a) A county election commission, county, or municipality, including individual commissioners, officials, and employees, shall not accept funding or contributions, including in-kind contributions, for the purpose of conducting an election in this state unless the funding or contribution:

(1) Originates from an approved federal, state, or local government:

- (A) Budget;
- (B) Appropriation; or
- (C) Grant; or

(2) Originates from a nongovernmental entity and the funding or contribution is:

(A) If the general assembly is in session, approved by joint resolution of the general assembly; or

(B) If the general assembly is not in session, approved by the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, the secretary of state, the comptroller of the treasury, and the treasurer.

(b) Each county election commission, individual commissioner of a commission, and each employee of a commission, county, or municipality shall annually disclose an itemized list of any funds or contributions accepted for the purpose of conducting an election in this state that were accepted from a source other than those described in subdivision (a)(1) to the state ethics commission in the same manner that disclosure statements of conflicts of interests are disclosed under § 8-50-501.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.