
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the use of foreign funds in conducting election administration or ballot questions.

Proposed law prohibits the use of funds, goods, services donated by a foreign government or nongovernmental source to conduct certain elections.

Proposed law prohibits the use of funds, goods, services donated by a foreign government, foreign entity, or noncitizen to promote the following directly or indirectly:

- (1) Ballot proposition or question.
- (2) Candidate.
- (3) Political party.

Proposed law provides that if a person violates proposed law, upon conviction, the penalties are as follows:

- (1) Fine not more than twice the amount of the donation.
- (2) Imprisonment of not more than five years with or without hard labor.
- (3) Both (1) and (2).

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Directly or indirectly".
- (2) "Foreign entity".

(Adds R.S. 18:1461.9)