

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1035

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

ELECTION OFFENSES: Provides relative to the prohibited solicitation of contributions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 18:1468.1, relative to election offenses; to prohibit certain contribution
3 solicitation practices; to provide for definitions; to provide for criminal penalties; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1468.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1468.1. Prohibited solicitation of campaign contributions

8 A. No person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally solicit a
9 contribution through the use of fraud, duress, deception, intimidation, undue
10 influence, exploitation, extortion, or the impersonation of a candidate or government
11 official.

12 B. For purposes of this Section, the terms "contribution" and "candidate"
13 shall be defined as in R.S. 18:1483.

14 C. Whoever violates any provision of this Section shall be subject to the
15 penalty provisions of R.S. 14:133.1.1.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the solicitation of campaign contributions through the use of fraud, duress, deception, intimidation, undue influence, exploitation, extortion, or the impersonation of a candidate or government official.

Proposed law provides that no person shall knowingly, willfully, or intentionally solicit a contribution through the use of fraud, duress, deception, intimidation, undue influence, exploitation, extortion, or the impersonation of a candidate or government official. Provides that the terms "contribution" and "candidate" shall be as provided in present law (Campaign Finance Disclosure Act).

Proposed law provides that whoever violates any provision of proposed law shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, for the first offense. On a second offense or any subsequent offense, the penalty shall be a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 18:1468.1)