

By Senator Yarborough

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to student volunteers at polling  
locations; amending s. 97.0291, F.S.; providing that  
specified high school students who volunteer to assist  
poll workers are not subject to provisions prohibiting  
certain agencies and state and local officials from  
soliciting, accepting, or otherwise using private  
funds or certain personal services for election-  
related expenses; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 97.0291, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

97.0291 Prohibition on use of private funds for election-  
related expenses.—

(1) ~~An~~ No agency or a state or local official responsible  
for conducting elections, including, but not limited to, a  
supervisor of elections, may not solicit, accept, use, or  
dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property,  
or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental  
entity for the purpose of funding any type of expenses related  
to election administration, including, but not limited to, voter  
education, voter outreach, voter registration programs, or the  
cost of any litigation related to election administration.

(2) This section does not prohibit:

(a) The donation and acceptance of space to be used for a  
polling room or an early voting site.

(b) High school students in this state who are registered

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or preregistered to vote from volunteering to assist poll  
workers for the purpose of receiving community service hours.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.