2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 134

February 16, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives August, Vorpagel, Brooks, Spiros, Plumer, Steffen, Armstrong, Penterman, Magnafici, Behnke, Kuglitsch, Moses, Dittrich, Sanfelippo, Wittke, Wichgers, Gundrum, Rozar, Petersen, Krug, Knodl, Tittel, Murphy, Dallman, Allen, Swearingen and Schraa, cosponsored by Senators Wimberger, Roth, Darling, Feyen, Testin and Ballweg. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

To create section 7 of article III of the constitution; relating to: prohibiting the use of a donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration and specifying who may perform tasks related to election administration (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2021 legislature on first consideration, does all of the following:

1. Provides that no state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for or accept any donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration.

2. Prohibits the use of a donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration.

3. Prohibits any individual other than an election official designated by law from performing any task in election administration.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures and ratification by the people before it can become effective.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

Section 1. Section 7 of article III of the constitution is created to read:
[Article III] Section 7 (1) No state agency or officer or employee in state government and no political subdivision of the state or officer or employee of a political subdivision may apply for or accept any donation or grant of private resources for purposes of election administration, and no donation or grant of private resources may be used for purposes of election administration.

(2) No individual other than an election official designated by law may perform any task in election administration.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for three months previous to the time of holding such election.

(END)