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House Bill 4097

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §3-1A-9, relating to prohibiting nonpublic funding sources for election
3 administration and related expenses without prior written approval by the State Election
4 Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1A. STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND SECRETARY OF STATE.

§3-1A-9. Nonpublic funding sources for election administration and related expenses.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the Secretary of State, county
2 commissions, clerks of county commissions, municipal governing bodies, and all other public
3 officials and bodies responsible for overseeing, administering, or regulating an election held within
4 the State of West Virginia may not receive, accept, or expend gifts, donations, or funding from
5 private individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, or any third party not provided through
6 ordinary state or county appropriations without prior written approval by the State Election
7 Commission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit nonpublic funding sources for election administration and related expenses without prior written approval by the State Election Commission.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.