

CS/HB 461

2026

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to volunteering 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.

26 (2) This section does not prohibit:

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

29 (b) High school students in this state who are registered
30 or preregistered to vote from volunteering to assist poll
31 workers for the purpose of receiving community service hours
32 that may be counted toward meeting community service
33 requirements for high school graduation and community service
34 requirements for participation in a scholarship program.

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