GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 725, "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE MONEY FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS OR HIRING TEMPORARY ELECTIONS WORKERS."

Elections are fundamental to our democracy and in 2020, grants from nonpartisan nonprofits were needed for necessities such as masks, single-use pens and other protective equipment so voters stayed safe during the pandemic. The legislature should start properly funding elections boards to ensure accessible, safe, and secure elections every time, which would end the need for grants.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 9 day of December 2021, at 3:29 for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of November, 2021.

Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved __________.m. this __________ day of __________________, 2021

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Date Dec. 9, 2021
Time 3:29 p.m.
Signed Sarah Holland

Senate Bill 725-Ratified