

## Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

## 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.

Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the  $\P$  day of December 2021, at  $3:2\P$  for reconsideration by that body.

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Date Dec. 9, 2021

Time 3:29 p.m.

Signed Harah Holland

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November,

2021. 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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