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H.B. No. 3715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the acceptance of donations by a county commissioners court for the performance of certain functions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 81.032, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.032. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the ~~[The]~~ commissioners court may accept a donation of labor or services, gift, grant, donation, bequest, or devise of money or other property on behalf of the county, including a donation under Chapter 38, Government Code, for the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county or a county officer.

(b) The commissioners court may not:

(1) accept a donation of \$1,000 or more for the purpose of administering elections without written consent from the secretary of state; or

(2) use a donation described by Subsection (a) to perform a function of administering elections that is not explicitly authorized by the Election Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.