

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0038

PAC-campaign limits and funding.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; repealing Wyoming's political
2 action committee campaign contribution limits; allowing
3 organizations to bear PAC related costs as specified; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-25-102(k) is amended to read:

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10 **22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election**
11 **assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right**
12 **to communicate; civil penalty.**

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14 (k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be
15 construed to prohibit any organization of any kind

1 including a corporation, partnership, trade union,
2 professional association or civic, fraternal or religious
3 group or other profit or nonprofit entity from:

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5 (i) Exercising its first amendment rights to
6 make independent expenditures for speech expressly
7 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate. For
8 purposes of this subsection, "independent expenditure"
9 means an expenditure that is made without consultation or
10 coordination with a candidate or an agent of a candidate
11 whose nomination or election the expenditure supports or
12 whose opponent's nomination or election the expenditure
13 opposes;

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15 (ii) Bearing any portion of a political action
16 committee's administrative costs or costs of soliciting
17 contributions.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 22-25-102(m) is repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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