

ENROLLED ACT NO. 102, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2015 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be construed to prohibit any organization of any kind including a corporation, partnership, trade union, professional association or civic, fraternal or religious group or other profit or nonprofit entity from:

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

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

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(m) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no political action committee shall contribute directly or indirectly more than ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) to any candidate for statewide political office or three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per election to any candidate for ~~other~~ other than statewide political office. For purposes of this subsection the primary, general and special elections shall be deemed separate elections. No candidate for political office shall accept, directly or indirectly, contributions which violate this subsection. Contributions to a candidate's campaign committee shall be considered to be contributions to the candidate. This subsection does not limit political contributions by political parties, nor expenditures by a candidate from his own funds nor from his candidate's campaign committee funds.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk