

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0068

Campaign finance-organizations.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Illoway and Brown and
Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to campaign finance; repealing restrictions
2 on organizations making independent expenditures to
3 advocate the election or defeat of a candidate; conforming
4 state law to a United States Supreme Court ruling; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-25-102(a), (b) and by creating a
10 new subsection (k) is amended to read:

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

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1 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
2 organization of any kind including a corporation,
3 partnership, trade union, professional association or
4 civic, fraternal or religious group or other profit or
5 nonprofit entity except a political party, political action
6 committee or candidate's campaign committee organized under
7 W.S. 22-25-101, directly or indirectly through any officer,
8 member, director or employee, shall contribute funds, other
9 items of value or election assistance to ~~aid, promote or~~
10 ~~prevent the nomination or election of~~ any candidate or
11 group of candidates. ~~or to aid or promote the interests,~~
12 ~~success or defeat of any political party.~~ No person shall
13 solicit or receive a payment or contribution from an
14 organization prohibited from making contributions under
15 this subsection.

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17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
18 only a natural person, political party, or a political
19 action committee or a candidate's campaign committee
20 organized under W.S. 22-25-101 shall contribute funds or
21 election assistance ~~in order to aid, promote or prevent the~~
22 ~~nomination or election of~~ directly to any candidate or
23 group of candidates. ~~, or in order to aid or promote the~~
24 ~~interests, success or defeat of any political party.~~ No

1 person shall solicit or receive a political payment or
2 contribution from any source other than a natural person,
3 political party, political action committee or candidate's
4 campaign committee organized under W.S. 22-25-101.

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6 (k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be
7 construed to prohibit any organization of any kind
8 including a corporation, partnership, trade union,
9 professional association or civic, fraternal or religious
10 group or other profit or nonprofit entity from exercising
11 its first amendment rights to make independent expenditures
12 for speech expressly advocating the election or defeat of a
13 candidate.

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

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