

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0224

Prohibition on private funds for conducting elections.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Singh and Senator(s)
Biteman and Hutchings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting state government
2 officials and election officials from soliciting, taking or
3 otherwise accepting private funds to conduct elections as
4 specified; creating a felony; providing for imprisonment
5 and a fine; and 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. 22-2-123 is created to read:

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11 **22-2-123. Private funds in elections prohibited.**

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13 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
14 state government official or election official shall
15 solicit, take or otherwise accept from any person any

1 contribution, donation or anything of value for purposes of
2 conducting an election. All costs and expenses relating to
3 elections shall be paid for with public funds. This
4 subsection shall not apply to meals or food provided or
5 donated in support of election training or education or
6 provided on election day to poll workers and other election
7 staff.

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9 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
10 prohibit the acceptance and expenditure of federal funds
11 for elections as provided by law.

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13 (c) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this
14 section shall be guilty of a felony punishable by not more
15 than five (5) years imprisonment or a fine of not more than
16 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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