

SENATE FILE NO. SF0079

Prohibition on private funds for conducting elections.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Steinmetz, Biteman, Boner,
Driskill, Hicks and Kolb and
Representative(s) Bear, Duncan, Haroldson
and Neiman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting the state or any
2 political subdivision or governmental entity in the state
3 from accepting and expending private funds to conduct
4 elections as specified; specifying exceptions; 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. 22-2-123 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, the
14 state and each political subdivision or governmental entity

1 that conducts or oversees elections in this state shall not
2 accept or expend private, donated funds for registering
3 voters or for preparing for, conducting or overseeing an
4 election. This subsection shall not apply to the secretary
5 of state when accepting or expending private funds for the
6 express purpose of election training or education nor shall
7 this subsection apply to meals or food provided or donated
8 in support of election training or education or provided on
9 election day to poll workers and other election staff.

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

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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