

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0337

Prohibiting foreign funding of ballot measures.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; requiring groups, political  
2 action committees and organizations that are influencing a  
3 statewide initiative or referendum to file statements  
4 related to funding from prohibited sources; prohibiting a  
5 foreign national from controlling or influencing the  
6 decision making of a group, political action committee or  
7 organization influencing a statewide initiative or  
8 referendum; providing a cause of action; specifying  
9 penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-24-202 and 22-25-116 are created  
14 to read:

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1           **22-24-202. Prohibition of foreign funding influencing**  
2 **statewide ballot measures.**

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4           (a) As used in this section:

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6                   (i) "Foreign national" means as defined in 52  
7 U.S.C. § 30121(b);

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9                   (ii) "Prohibited source" means contributions  
10 from or expenditures by a foreign national;

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12                   (iii) "Directly or indirectly" means acting  
13 either alone or jointly with, through or on behalf of any  
14 other committee, organization, person or entity.

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16           (b) No foreign national shall direct, control or  
17 otherwise directly or indirectly participate in the  
18 decision making of any group that is required to file with  
19 the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a).

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21           (c) Each group of persons that is required to file  
22 with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a) shall  
23 file an accompanying certification regarding funding from

1 prohibited sources as provided in this paragraph. The  
2 certification shall include the following statements:

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4 (i) That no expenditure of the group was  
5 knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, funded by a  
6 prohibited source;

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8 (ii) That the group shall not knowingly, whether  
9 directly or indirectly, receive, solicit or accept  
10 contributions or expenditures from a prohibited source in  
11 any manner;

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13 (iii) That the group will keep records of  
14 contributions and expenditures for a period of not less  
15 than five (5) years to enable the enforcement of this  
16 section.

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18 (d) For each contribution to a group of persons that  
19 is required to file with the secretary of state under W.S.  
20 22-24-201(a), before accepting the contribution the group  
21 shall obtain affirmation from the donor that the donor is  
22 not a foreign national and that the donor has not knowingly  
23 accepted, whether directly or indirectly, more than one

1 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in aggregate from  
2 prohibited sources in the immediately preceding four (4)  
3 year period.

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5 (e) The secretary of state may bring a civil action  
6 to enforce the provisions of this section. A violation of  
7 this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to twice  
8 the amount of any prohibited contribution or expenditure.  
9 The secretary of state may obtain injunctive relief from a  
10 court of competent jurisdiction to prevent further  
11 violations of this section.

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13 **22-25-116. Prohibition of foreign funding influencing**  
14 **statewide ballot measures.**

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16 (a) As used in this section:

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18 (i) "Directly or indirectly" means acting either  
19 alone or jointly with, through or on behalf of any  
20 committee, organization, person or entity;

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22 (ii) "Foreign national" means as defined in 52  
23 U.S.C. § 30121(b);

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2 (iii) "Prohibited source" means contributions  
3 from or expenditures by a foreign national.

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5 (b) No foreign national shall direct, control or  
6 otherwise directly or indirectly participate in the  
7 decision making of any political action committee or  
8 organization supporting or opposing any statewide  
9 initiative or referendum petition drive. No foreign  
10 national shall solicit, directly or indirectly, the making  
11 of a donation, contribution or expenditure by another  
12 person to influence a ballot initiative.

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14 (c) Each political action committee or organization  
15 supporting or opposing any statewide initiative or  
16 referendum that is required to file reports with the  
17 secretary of state under W.S. 22-25-107(a)(vii) shall file  
18 an accompanying certification regarding funding from  
19 prohibited sources as provided in this paragraph and each  
20 itemized statement of contributions and expenditures  
21 required by W.S. 22-25-106(b) or (h). The certification  
22 shall include the following statements:

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1           (ii) That no expenditure of the political action  
2 committee or organization was knowingly, whether directly  
3 or indirectly, funded by a prohibited source;

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5           (ii) That the political action committee or  
6 organization shall not knowingly, whether directly or  
7 indirectly, receive, solicit or accept contributions or  
8 expenditures from a prohibited source in any manner;

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10           (iii) That the political action committee or  
11 organization will keep records of contributions and  
12 expenditures for a period of not less than five (5) years  
13 to enable the enforcement of this section.

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15           (d) For each contribution to a political action  
16 committee or organization supporting or opposing any  
17 statewide initiative or referendum petition that is  
18 required to file reports with the secretary of state under  
19 W.S. 22-25-107(a)(vii), before accepting the contribution  
20 the group shall obtain affirmation from the donor that the  
21 donor is not a foreign national and that the donor has not  
22 knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, accepted more  
23 than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in

1 aggregate from prohibited sources in the immediately  
2 preceding four (4) year period.

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4 (e) The secretary of state may bring a civil action  
5 to enforce the provisions of this section. A violation of  
6 this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to twice  
7 the amount of any prohibited contribution or expenditure.  
8 The secretary of state may obtain injunctive relief from a  
9 court of competent jurisdiction to prevent further  
10 violations of this section.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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