

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0228

Prohibition on private funds for conducting elections.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Knapp, Allemand, Bear, Brown, G, Clouston, Haroldson, Johnson, Locke, Strock, Tarver and Wylie and Senator(s) Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting government  
2 officials and election officials from accepting private  
3 funds to conduct elections as specified; prohibiting any  
4 person from providing or offering private funds for  
5 purposes of conducting an election; providing exceptions;  
6 creating new misdemeanor offenses; and providing for an  
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-2-123 is created to read:

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13 **22-2-123. Private funds in elections prohibited.**

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1           (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
2 agency or any state or county official responsible for  
3 conducting elections, including, but not limited to, a  
4 county clerk, shall solicit, accept, use or dispose of any  
5 donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal  
6 services from an individual or nongovernmental entity for  
7 the purpose of funding any type of expenses related to  
8 election administration, including, but not limited to,  
9 voter education, voter outreach or voter registration  
10 programs. All costs and expenses relating to elections  
11 shall be paid with public funds. This subsection shall not  
12 apply to meals or food provided or donated in support of  
13 election training or education, or to meals or food  
14 provided on election day to poll workers and other election  
15 staff. This section shall not apply to elections that are  
16 conducted by a special district in accordance with W.S.  
17 22-29-113.

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19           (b) No individual or nongovernmental entity shall  
20 provide or offer to provide any donation in the form of  
21 money, grants, property or personal services in violation  
22 of subsection (a) of this section.

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1           (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
2 prohibit the acceptance and expenditure of federal funds  
3 for purposes of conducting elections as provided by law.

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

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