

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 that are
2 influencing a statewide initiative or referendum to file
3 statements related to funding from prohibited sources;
4 prohibiting a foreign national from controlling or
5 influencing the decision making of a group influencing a
6 statewide initiative or referendum; providing a cause of
7 action; specifying penalties; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-24-202 is created to read:

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14 **22-24-202. Prohibition of foreign funding influencing**
15 **statewide ballot measures.**

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2 (a) As used in this section:

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

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7 (ii) "Prohibited source" means contributions
8 from or expenditures by a foreign national.

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

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15 (c) Each group of persons that is required to file
16 with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a) shall
17 file an accompanying certification regarding funding from
18 prohibited sources as provided in this paragraph. The
19 certification shall include the following statements:

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21 (i) That no expenditure of the group was funded
22 by a prohibited source;

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1 (ii) That the group shall not knowingly receive,
2 solicit or accept contributions or expenditures from a
3 prohibited source in any manner;

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

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10 (d) For each contribution to a group of persons that
11 is required to file with the secretary of state under W.S.
12 22-24-201(a), before accepting the contribution the group
13 shall obtain affirmation from the donor that the donor is
14 not a foreign national and that the donor has not accepted
15 more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in
16 aggregate from prohibited sources in the immediately
17 preceding four (4) year period.

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19 (e) The secretary of state may bring a civil action
20 to enforce the provisions of this section. A violation of
21 this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to twice
22 the amount of any prohibited contribution or expenditure.
23 The secretary of state may obtain injunctive relief from a

1 court of competent jurisdiction to prevent further
2 violations of this section.

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

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