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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Prohibition on private funds for conducting elections.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting government
2 officials and election officials from soliciting, taking or
3 otherwise accepting private funds to conduct elections as
4 specified; creating a felony offense; providing a penalty;
5 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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1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
2 government official or election official in Wyoming shall
3 solicit, take or otherwise accept from any person any
4 contribution, donation or anything of value for purposes of
5 conducting an election. All costs and expenses relating to
6 elections shall be paid with public funds. This subsection
7 shall not apply to meals or food provided or donated in
8 support of election training or education and meals or food
9 provided on election day to poll workers and other election
10 staff.

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

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

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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