

**WORKING DRAFT**

SENATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign contributions.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; amending limitations on  
2 campaign contributions as specified; clarifying when  
3 provision of a good, service or other item or assistance  
4 constitutes a campaign contribution; and providing for an  
5 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. 22-25-102(c) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (j) is amended to read:

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12 **22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election**  
13 **assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right**  
14 **to communicate; civil penalty.**

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1           (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no  
2 individual other than the candidate, or the candidate's  
3 immediate family shall contribute directly or indirectly,  
4 more than ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ two thousand  
5 dollars (\$2,000.00) per election during the two (2) year  
6 period consisting of a general election year and the  
7 preceding calendar year to any candidate for political  
8 office, or to any candidate's campaign committee, nor make  
9 more than ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ thirty-  
10 seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00) total  
11 political contributions during the same two (2) year  
12 period. For purposes of this subsection the primary,  
13 general and special elections shall be deemed separate  
14 elections. No candidate for political office shall accept,  
15 directly or indirectly, contributions which violate this  
16 subsection. Contributions to a candidate's campaign  
17 committee shall be considered to be contributions to the  
18 candidate. This subsection does not limit political  
19 contributions by political parties, nor expenditures by a  
20 candidate from his or her own funds nor from his or her  
21 candidate's campaign committee funds.

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23           (j) For the purposes of this chapter, a good,  
24 service, other item of value or other election assistance

1 provided to a candidate or candidate's campaign committee  
2 without a reduction in the ordinary price or rate charged  
3 shall not be deemed a contribution. A good, service, other  
4 item of value or election assistance provided at a  
5 reduction in the ordinary price or rate charged shall be  
6 deemed a contribution, which shall be valued at the amount  
7 of the reduction. If a good, service, other item of value  
8 or election assistance is provided and the person providing  
9 the same incurs an additional cost due to use by a  
10 candidate or a candidate's campaign committee the  
11 additional cost shall be considered a contribution to the  
12 extent the additional cost is not reimbursed by the  
13 candidate or the campaign committee.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2005.

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