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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Campaign finance - organizations.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to campaign finance; repealing restrictions
2 on organizations making independent expenditures to
3 advocate the election or defeat of a candidate; conforming
4 state law to a United State Supreme Court ruling; and
5 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. 22-25-102(a) and (b) and by creating

10 a new subsection (k) are amended to read:

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1 **22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election**
2 **assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right**
3 **to communicate; civil penalty.**
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5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
6 organization of any kind including a corporation,
7 partnership, trade union, professional association or
8 civic, fraternal or religious group or other profit or
9 nonprofit entity except a political party, political action
10 committee or candidate's campaign committee organized under
11 W.S. 22-25-101, directly or indirectly through any officer,
12 member, director or employee, shall contribute funds, other
13 items of value or election assistance directly to ~~aid,~~
14 ~~promote or prevent the nomination or election of~~ any
15 candidate or group of candidates. ~~or to aid or promote the~~
16 ~~interests, success or defeat of any political party.~~ No
17 person shall solicit or receive a payment or contribution
18 from an organization prohibited from making contributions
19 under this subsection.
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21 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
22 only a natural person, political party, or a political
23 action committee or a candidate's campaign committee

1 organized under W.S. 22-25-101 shall contribute funds or
2 election assistance ~~in order to aid, promote or prevent the~~
3 ~~nomination or election of~~ directly to any candidate or
4 group of candidates. ~~, or in order to aid or promote the~~
5 ~~interests, success or defeat of any political party.~~ No
6 person shall solicit or receive a political payment or
7 contribution from any source other than a natural person,
8 political party, political action committee or candidate's
9 campaign committee organized under W.S. 22-25-101.

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11 (k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be
12 construed to prohibit any organization of any kind
13 including a corporation, partnership, trade union,
14 professional association or civic, fraternal or religious
15 group or other profit or nonprofit entity from exercising
16 its first amendment rights to make independent expenditures
17 for speech expressly advocating the election or defeat of a
18 candidate.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
21 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
22 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
23 Constitution.

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(END)