

SENATE FILE NO. SF0003

Campaign finance-organizations.

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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; providing a
4 definition; conforming state law to a United States Supreme
5 Court ruling; requiring notification in advertising; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-25-102(a), (b) and by creating a
11 new subsection (k) and 22-25-110(a) are amended to read:

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

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

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17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
18 only a natural person, political party, or a political
19 action committee or a candidate's campaign committee
20 organized under W.S. 22-25-101 shall contribute funds or
21 election assistance ~~in order to aid, promote or prevent the~~
22 ~~nomination or election of~~ directly to any candidate or
23 group of candidates. ~~, or in order to aid or promote the~~
24 ~~interests, success or defeat of any political party.~~ No

1 person shall solicit or receive a political payment or
2 contribution from any source other than a natural person,
3 political party, political action committee or candidate's
4 campaign committee organized under W.S. 22-25-101.

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6 (k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be
7 construed to prohibit any organization of any kind
8 including a corporation, partnership, trade union,
9 professional association or civic, fraternal or religious
10 group or other profit or nonprofit entity from exercising
11 its first amendment rights to make independent expenditures
12 for speech expressly advocating the election or defeat of a
13 candidate. For purposes of this subsection, "independent
14 expenditure" means an expenditure that is made without
15 consultation or coordination with a candidate or an agent
16 of a candidate whose nomination or election the expenditure
17 supports or whose opponent's nomination or election the
18 expenditure opposes.

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20 **22-25-110. Campaign advertising in communications**
21 **media.**

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23 (a) It is unlawful for a candidate, political action
24 committee, organization, including organizations making

1 expenditures pursuant to W.S. 22-25-102(k), candidate's
2 campaign committee, or any political party central
3 committee to pay for campaign literature or campaign
4 advertising in any communication medium without printing or
5 announcing the candidate, organization or committee
6 sponsoring the campaign advertising or campaign literature.
7 The communications media in using the campaign advertising
8 shall print or announce the name of the candidate,
9 organization or committee paying for the advertising.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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