

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0021

ENROLLED ACT NO. 13, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to elections; creating a permanent account to pay for specified expenses in conducting future elections subject to the federal requirements of the Help America Vote Act; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-2-122 is created to read:

22-2-122. State and federal share of qualified election expenses; election readiness account.

(a) There is created the election readiness account. The account shall consist of federal funds received by the state of Wyoming from the federal election assistance commission's 2018 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) election security fund and any state appropriations authorized by the legislature. Funds in the account shall be subject to appropriation. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, earnings from the funds in the account shall be credited to the account and shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal period.

(b) Funds in the account shall only be used for replacement and maintenance of voting systems and other ongoing election costs as allowed by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Disbursements and expenditures from the account shall be made at the discretion of the secretary of state in consultation with the county clerks.

(c) Commencing in 2019, and annually thereafter, the secretary of state shall document disbursements and expenditures from the account. No later than November 15 of each year, the secretary of state shall report any

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disbursements and expenditures from the account to the joint appropriations committee, the joint corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim committee and the governor.

Section 2. There is appropriated seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000.00) from the general fund to the election readiness account created by this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk