

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0042

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; providing for an exception for special  
5 districts; creating a new misdemeanor offense; 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. 22-2-123 is created to read:

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12 **22-2-123. Private funds in elections prohibited.**

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14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
15 government official or election official in Wyoming shall

1 solicit, take or otherwise accept from any person any  
2 contribution, donation or anything of value for purposes of  
3 conducting an election. All costs and expenses relating to  
4 elections shall be paid with public funds. This subsection  
5 shall not apply to meals or food provided or donated in  
6 support of election training or education and meals or food  
7 provided on election day to poll workers and other election  
8 staff. The secretary of state may by rule exempt any  
9 particular class of special district elections from all or  
10 a portion of this subsection.

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

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