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AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting government officials and election officials from accepting private funds to conduct elections as specified; prohibiting any person from providing or offering private funds for purposes of conducting an election; providing exceptions; creating new misdemeanor offenses; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-2-123 is created to read:

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

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no agency or any state or county official responsible for conducting elections, including, but not limited to, a county clerk, shall solicit, accept, use or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal services from an individual or nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding any type of expenses related to election administration, including, but not limited to, voter outreach or voter registration voter education, programs. All costs and expenses relating to elections shall be paid with public funds. This subsection shall not apply to meals or food provided or donated in support of election training or education, or to meals or food provided on election day to poll workers and other election staff. This section shall not apply to elections that are conducted by a special district in accordance with W.S. 22-29-113.

(b) No individual or nongovernmental entity shall provide or offer to provide any donation in the form of

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money, grants, property or personal services in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:

(i) The acceptance and expenditure of federal funds for purposes of conducting elections as provided by law;

(ii) The use of private real property for purposes of use as a polling place as provided by this Election Code.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

(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