

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0038

PAC-campaign limits and funding.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; amending Wyoming's political  
2 action committee campaign contribution limits as specified;  
3 allowing organizations to bear PAC related costs as  
4 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-25-102(k) and (m) is amended to  
9 read:

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11 **22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election**  
12 **assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right**  
13 **to communicate; civil penalty.**

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1 (k) The prohibitions in this section shall not be  
2 construed to prohibit any organization of any kind  
3 including a corporation, partnership, trade union,  
4 professional association or civic, fraternal or religious  
5 group or other profit or nonprofit entity from:

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7 (i) Exercising its first amendment rights to  
8 make independent expenditures for speech expressly  
9 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate. For  
10 purposes of this subsection, "independent expenditure"  
11 means an expenditure that is made without consultation or  
12 coordination with a candidate or an agent of a candidate  
13 whose nomination or election the expenditure supports or  
14 whose opponent's nomination or election the expenditure  
15 opposes;

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17 (ii) Bearing any portion of a political action  
18 committee's administrative costs or costs of soliciting  
19 contributions.

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21 (m) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no  
22 political action committee shall contribute directly or  
23 indirectly more than ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars~~

1 ~~(\$7,500.00) to any candidate for statewide political office~~  
2 ~~or~~ three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per election to any  
3 candidate for ~~other~~ political office other than statewide  
4 political office. For purposes of this subsection the  
5 primary, general and special elections shall be deemed  
6 separate elections. No candidate for political office  
7 shall accept, directly or indirectly, contributions which  
8 violate this subsection. Contributions to a candidate's  
9 campaign committee shall be considered to be contributions  
10 to the candidate. This subsection does not limit political  
11 contributions by political parties, nor expenditures by a  
12 candidate from his own funds nor from his candidate's  
13 campaign committee funds.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
18 Constitution.

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