

SENATE FILE NO. SF0094

Campaign finance reporting-election periods.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Jennings and Representative(s)
Brown

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to campaign finance; limiting contributions
2 during each election; clarifying when contributions may be
3 accepted; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-25-102(c), (e) and by creating a
8 new subsection (j) is amended to read:

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10 **22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election**
11 **assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right**
12 **to communicate; civil penalty.**

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14 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
15 individual other than the candidate, or the candidate's
16 immediate family shall contribute directly or indirectly. :T

~~more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per election during the two (2) year period consisting of a general election year and the preceding calendar year~~

(i) To any candidate for political office, or to any candidate's campaign committee;~~, nor make more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~

(A) More than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per election; and

(B) No contribution for the general election may be given prior to the post election reporting date for the primary election as provided in W.S. 22-25-106(a)(iii).

(ii) Total political contributions;~~During the same two (2) year period. For purposes of this subsection the primary, general and special elections shall be deemed separate elections. No candidate for political office shall accept, directly or indirectly, contributions which violate this subsection. Contributions to a candidate's campaign committee shall be considered to be contributions to the candidate. This subsection does not limit political~~

~~contributions by political parties, nor expenditures by a
candidate from his or her own funds nor from his or her
candidate's campaign committee funds.~~

(A) For any election of more than twelve
thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) per election;
and

(B) No contribution for the general
election may be given prior to the post election reporting
date for the primary election as provided in W.S.
22-25-106(a)(iii).

(e) Any corporation, person or organization violating the provisions of subsection (a), (b), ~~or~~ (c) or (j) of this section is subject to a civil penalty up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and costs including a reasonable attorney's fee. The amount of penalty imposed shall be in such amount as will deter future actions of a similar nature. An action to impose the civil penalty may be prosecuted by and in the name of any candidate adversely affected by the transgression, any political party, any county attorney, any district attorney or the attorney general. Proceeds of the penalty collected shall be paid to

1 the state treasurer and credited as provided in W.S.
2 8-1-109.

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4 (j) For purposes of subsection (c) of this section
5 the 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 subsection (c) of this section. Contributions to a
9 candidate's campaign committee shall be considered to be
10 contributions to the candidate. Subsection (c) of this
11 section does not limit political contributions by political
12 parties, nor expenditures by a candidate from his or her
13 own funds nor from his or her candidate's campaign
14 committee funds.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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18 (END)