

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0021

Election readiness account.

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

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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11 **22-2-122. State and federal share of qualified election**
12 **expenses; election readiness account.**

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14 (a) There is created the election readiness account.

15 The account shall consist of federal funds received by the

1 state of Wyoming from the federal election assistance
2 commission's 2018 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) election
3 security fund and any state appropriations authorized by the
4 legislature. Funds in the account shall be subject to
5 appropriation. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207,
6 earnings from the funds in the account shall be credited to
7 the account and shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal
8 period.

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

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17 (c) Commencing in 2019, and annually thereafter, the
18 secretary of state shall document disbursements and
19 expenditures from the account. No later than November 15 of
20 each year, the secretary of state shall report any
21 disbursements and expenditures from the account to the joint
22 appropriations committee, the joint corporations, elections

1 and political subdivisions interim committee and the
2 governor.

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

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

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