

House File 2223 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting political contributions from out-of-state
2 sources, and making penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68A.507 Contributions from
2 out-of-state sources — limitations.

3 1. A candidate or candidate's committee shall not accept
4 contributions of greater than one dollar from a person not
5 living in or incorporated or organized under the laws of this
6 state.

7 2. The general assembly recognizes that persons who are not
8 residents of Iowa have the right to free speech under the first
9 amendment to the Constitution of the United States and may have
10 a passing interest in elections in this state. However, the
11 general assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the
12 residents of Iowa for elections in this state to be influenced
13 and funded by residents of Iowa.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill prohibits a candidate for public office or
18 a candidate's committee from accepting contributions of
19 greater than \$1 from a person not living in or incorporated
20 or organized under the laws of this state. The bill states
21 the general assembly's recognition that persons who are not
22 residents of Iowa have the right to free speech under the
23 first amendment to the Constitution of the United States and
24 may have a passing interest in elections in Iowa but that the
25 general assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the
26 residents of Iowa for elections in Iowa to be influenced and
27 funded by residents of Iowa. By operation of law, a person
28 who willfully violates a provision of the bill is guilty of a
29 serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by
30 confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least
31 \$430 but not more than \$2,560.