



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 17

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Attorney General*

1   **An Act to prohibit a candidate or political committee from accepting contributions**  
2       **or loans made by a foreign national, to provide a penalty therefor, and to**  
3       **declare an emergency.**

4   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:**

5   **Section 1. That § 12-27-21 be AMENDED:**

6       **12-27-21. No****A****candidate or political committee may****not****accept any contribution**  
7       **or loan from****any****:**

8       **(1) A state****,**

9       **(2) A state agency****,**

10       **(3) A political subdivision of****the****a state****,**

11       **(4) A foreign government****,**

12       **(5) A foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. § 30121(b) (January 1, 2026);**

13       **(6) A federal agency****,****or****the****;****or**

14       **(7) The federal government.**

15           A violation of this section is a Class-**2****\_1** misdemeanor. A subsequent offense within  
16           a calendar year is a Class-**1****\_misdemeanor****6** felony.

17   **Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,**  
18       **health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force**  
19       **and effect from and after its passage and approval.**