



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 ~~or 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.