

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1278**AMENDMENT 1278E
FOR THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~prohibit certain political committees from accepting contributions by~~**
2 **~~certain officers or employees of this state regulate the persons or entities~~**
3 **~~from which certain political committees may accept a campaign contribution.~~**

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

5 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 12-27:**

6 Neither the candidate campaign committee of a state official nor a political action
7 committee affiliated with a state official may accept a contribution from a state employee
8 who is employed or appointed by the official and:

9 (1) Is the head of a department or agency of state government;

10 (2) Is the highest paid employee, not including the head, in the department or agency;

11 or

12 (3) Reports directly to the official.

13 For purposes of this section, "state official" means the Governor, lieutenant
14 governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, commissioner of school
15 and public lands, a commissioner with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South
16 Dakota, or a member of the Legislature.

17 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 12-27:**

18 A political action committee organized pursuant to this chapter may not accept any
19 contribution or loan from an authorized committee of a candidate for federal office, as
20 defined in 52 U.S.C. § 30101, et seq. (January 1, 2026), if the amount of the contribution,
21 loan, or combination of the contribution and loan, exceeds ten thousand dollars in a given
22 year.

23 **Section 3. This Act is effective beginning January 1, 2027.**