

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1278**AMENDMENT 1278F
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, as defined in subdivision 12-27-1(3),
7 of a state official nor a political action committee, as defined in subdivision 12-27-1(17),
8 affiliated with a state official may accept a contribution from a state employee who is
9 employed or appointed by the official and:

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

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

12 or

13 (3) Reports directly to the official.

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

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

19 A political committee, as defined in subdivision 12-27-1(18), organized pursuant
20 to this chapter may not accept any contribution or loan from an authorized committee of
21 a candidate for federal office, as defined in 52 U.S.C. § 30101, et seq. (January 1, 2026),
22 if the amount of the contribution, loan, or combination of the contribution and loan,
23 exceeds ten thousand dollars in a given year.

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