

**Election Fundraising Amendments**  
**2025 GENERAL SESSION**  
**STATE OF UTAH**  
**Chief Sponsor: Kennedy, Michael S.**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends a provision prohibiting campaign contributions during session.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- exempts a campaign contribution for federal office from the prohibition on campaign contributions during session; and
- makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**36-11-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 139

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **36-11-305** is amended to read:

**36-11-305 . Campaign contribution during session prohibited.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) (i) "Campaign contribution" means a contribution, as defined in Section 20A-11-101.
- (ii) "Campaign contribution" does not include a contribution made to a state official, a campaign committee of a state official, or a political action committee controlled by a state official, if:
  - (A) the state official is a candidate for federal office; and
  - (B) the contribution is for the state official's campaign for federal office.
- (b) "State official" means the governor or a person described in Subsection (2)(a).

32 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) It is unlawful for a person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee to make a  
33 campaign contribution, or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution,  
34 to any of the following during the time the Legislature is convened in annual general  
35 session, veto override session, or special session:  
36 (a) (i) a ~~[legislator]~~ member of the Utah Senate or the Utah House of Representatives;  
37 (ii) the lieutenant governor;  
38 (iii) the attorney general;  
39 (iv) the state auditor; or  
40 (v) the state treasurer;  
41 (b) the personal campaign committee of an individual described in Subsection (1)(a); or  
42 (c) a political action committee controlled by a person described in Subsection (1)(a).

43 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) It is unlawful for a person, lobbyist, principal, or political committee to make a  
44 campaign contribution, or contract, promise, or agree to make a campaign contribution,  
45 to the governor, the governor's personal campaign committee, or a political action  
46 committee controlled by the governor during the time the Legislature is convened in  
47 annual general session, veto override session, special session, or during the time period  
48 established by the Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, for the governor to approve  
49 or veto bills passed by the Legislature in the annual general session.

50 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

51 Section 2. **Effective date.**

52 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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