

Forming a Political Action Committee

Definition

Political Action Committees are formed for the purpose of generating funds for political advertisement. As defined by Wyoming Election Code, [Wyoming § 22-1-102\(a\)\(xx\)](#) “Political Action Committee” means any group of two (2) or more persons organized and associated for the purpose of raising, collecting or spending money for use in the aid of, or otherwise influencing or attempting to influence, directly or indirectly, the election or defeat of candidates for public office, candidate’s committees, or political parties, for support of or opposition to **any initiative or referendum** petition drive or for the adoption or defeat of any ballot proposition.

Contributions

According to W.S. 22-1-102(c), no organization of any kind including a corporation, partnership, trade union, professional association or civic, fraternal or religious group or other profit or nonprofit entity except a political action committee, directly or indirectly through any officer, member, director or employee, shall contribute funds, other items of value or election assistance to aid or promote the interests, success or defeat of any special district ballot proposition. No person shall solicit or receive a payment or contribution from an organization prohibited from making contributions under this subsection.

Formation

A political action committee shall file a statement of formation within ten (10) days after formation. The chairman and treasurer of a committee shall be separate individuals. The statement of formation shall list the name and mailing address of the committee, name and address of the committee chairman and treasurer, date the committee was formed and the purpose of the committee. The statement of formation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county or counties in which the district is located or is to be located.

Advertising

It is unlawful for a political action committee to pay for campaign literature or campaign advertising in any communication medium without printing or announcing the committee sponsoring the campaign advertising or campaign literature. The communications media in using the campaign advertising shall print or announce the name of the committee paying for the advertising.

Forms Required for PAC formation and reporting

- ? Amended Statement of Formation by Political Action Committee
 - o [PDF file](#)
- ? Political Action Committee Statement of Receipts and Expenditures W.S. 22-25-106
 - o [PDF file](#) **Note:** This form is **NOT** capable of being completed electronically due to technical difficulties with the form.
- ? Political Action Committee Termination Report W.S. 22-25-106(b)
 - o [PDF file](#)
- ? Statement of Formation by Political Action Committee W.S. 22-25-101(a)(i) and (b)
 - o [PDF file](#)