

SENATE FILE NO. SF0139

Open and revised elections.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Rothfuss and Scott and
Representative(s) Petroff and Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; providing for primary
2 elections allowing any voter to vote for any candidate;
3 amending definitions relating to qualifications of
4 political parties; eliminating election of precinct
5 committeemen and committeewomen at primary elections;
6 providing for advancement to the general election;
7 providing for filling of vacancies in nomination; making
8 conforming amendments; requiring planning regarding ranked
9 choice voting as specified; and providing for an effective
10 date.

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12 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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14 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-5-404 is created to read:

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1 **22-5-404. Vacancies in nomination.**

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3 (a) A vacancy in nomination for an office to be
4 filled at a general election occurs if a candidate
5 nominated at a primary election declines to accept the
6 nomination, dies, moves his residence from his constituency
7 or becomes disqualified to hold the office for any reason
8 provided by law.

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10 (b) A vacancy in nomination shall be filled by the
11 person who received the next highest number of votes at the
12 primary election as shown on the official canvass, or, if
13 no qualified candidate exists, the vacancy in nomination
14 shall be filled by:

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16 (i) The state central committee of the political
17 party of the former nominee for an office to be voted for
18 by the electors of the entire state;

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20 (ii) The county central committee of the
21 political party of the former nominee for an office to be
22 voted for by the electors of a county or a subdivision
23 thereof; or

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2 (iii) If the former nominee for any office did
3 not indicate in the application whether he is a member of
4 an existing political party as provided in W.S.
5 22-5-204(d), or if the former nominee was a write-in
6 candidate, the nomination shall remain vacant.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 18-3-524(d), 22-1-102(a)(xvii),
9 (xviii) and (xxv), 22-2-104(b), 22-2-117(a), 22-4-101(b),
10 22-4-103, 22-4-406, 22-5-101, 22-5-102(a)(i), 22-5-204(b)
11 and by creating a new subsection (d), 22-5-208(c),
12 22-5-209, 22-5-213, 22-5-215, 22-5-219(a), 22-5-220,
13 22-6-101, 22-6-112, 22-6-116, 22-6-117(a)(intro) and by
14 creating new paragraphs (xii) through (xxiv),
15 22-6-119(a)(intro) and (i), 22-6-120(a)(vii), 22-6-123,
16 22-10-101(a)(vii) and (x), 22-10-108(a), 22-11-103(a)(vii),
17 22-11-104(b)(iii), 22-16-121(a), 22-18-106, 22-18-107,
18 22-18-111(c), 22-20-107, 22-23-103(c)(i),
19 22-23-202(a)(v)(B), 22-23-304 and 22-23-401 are amended to
20 read:

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22 **18-3-524. Appointments to fill vacancies; term.**

23

1 (d) For purposes of this section a person shall be
2 considered to "represent" a political party if ~~he was a~~
3 ~~nominee of that political party~~ his party affiliation was
4 indicated as provided in W.S. 22-6-120(a)(vii) or
5 22-5-204(d) when elected to office, or when appointed to
6 fill a vacancy in office of a person whose party
7 affiliation was indicated as provided in W.S.
8 22-6-120(a)(vii) or 22-5-204(d).

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10 **22-1-102. Definitions.**

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12 (a) The definitions contained in this chapter apply
13 to words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern
14 the construction of those words and phrases unless they are
15 specifically modified by the context in which they appear.
16 As used in this Election Code:

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18 (xvii) "Major political party" means a political
19 organization whose candidate for any one (1) of the offices
20 of the United States president, United States house of
21 representatives, governor or secretary of state, received
22 not less than ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast for

1 that office in either of the two (2) most recent general
2 ~~election~~elections;

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4 (xviii) "Minor political party" means a
5 political organization whose candidate for any one (1) of
6 the offices of the United States president, United States
7 house of representatives, governor or secretary of state,
8 received not less than two percent (2%) nor more than ten
9 percent (10%) of the total votes cast for that office in
10 either of the two (2) most recent general ~~election~~
11 elections;

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13 (xxv) "Provisional party" means a political
14 organization which has filed a legally valid petition as
15 provided under article 4 of chapter 4 of this code. The
16 filing of a legally valid petition entitles the provisional
17 party to participate in the next general election. If the
18 provisional party's candidate for any one (1) of the
19 offices of the United States president, United States house
20 of representatives, governor or secretary of state,
21 receives not less than two percent (2%) of the total votes
22 cast for that office in that election, the provisional
23 party does not lose party status;

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2 **22-2-104. Election dates.**

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4 (b) A primary election shall be held at the regular
5 polling places in each precinct on the first Tuesday after
6 the third Monday in August in general election years for
7 the nomination of candidates for ~~partisan and nonpartisan~~
8 offices to be filled at the succeeding general election.
9 ~~and for the election of major party precinct committeemen~~
10 ~~and committeewomen.~~

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12 **22-2-117. Vote required for election; ratification.**

13

14 (a) ~~Partisan and nonpartisan~~ Candidates who receive
15 the largest number of votes for each office to be filled at
16 the general election are elected.

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18 **22-4-101. Application; composition, election and**
19 **qualifications of county central committees; certificate of**
20 **election.**

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22 (b) The county central committee of each political
23 party consists of precinct committeemen and committeewomen

1 ~~elected in the county at the regular biennial primary~~
2 ~~election~~ in accordance with the party bylaws which shall
3 comply with this chapter. Except as provided in subsection
4 (c) of this section, each political party in each precinct
5 shall elect one (1) committeeman and one (1) committeewoman
6 for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major fraction
7 thereof cast for the party's candidate for representative
8 in congress in the last general election, but provided that
9 no precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) precinct
10 committeeman and precinct committeewoman. Precinct
11 committeemen and committeewomen shall be electors
12 registered in the party and resident in the precinct. ~~The~~
13 ~~county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to the~~
14 ~~precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected and~~
15 ~~concurrently notify the county central committee chairman.~~
16 ~~The certificate shall state the term of office which shall~~
17 ~~begin on the day the primary election is canvassed and~~
18 ~~shall expire on the date the next regular biennial primary~~
19 ~~election is canvassed. If a precinct boundary line is~~
20 ~~changed for any reason, the county commissioners shall~~
21 ~~determine the number of precinct committeemen and~~
22 ~~committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.~~

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1 **22-4-103. County central committee vacancies.**

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3 ~~A vacancy in the county central committee shall occur in~~
4 ~~the case of death, resignation, failure of a qualified~~
5 ~~candidate to be elected to a precinct committeeman or~~
6 ~~committeewoman position, or removal of residence from the~~
7 ~~precinct.~~ A vacancy in a county central committee shall be
8 determined by the county central committee and filled by
9 the county central committee ~~by election of a registered~~
10 ~~elector resident in the precinct in which the vacancy~~
11 ~~exists and registered in the party or~~ as provided by the
12 party bylaws.

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14 **22-4-406. Officers and nominating procedures.**

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16 A provisional party shall be subject to W.S. 22-4-302
17 through 22-4-307. ~~Under no circumstances shall a~~
18 ~~provisional party nominate by the primary election process.~~

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20 **22-5-101. How candidates nominated.**

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22 Nominations of candidates for all offices filled at a
23 general election, except school and community college

1 district offices and special district offices, may be made
2 by primary election, ~~by petition for nomination as an~~
3 ~~independent candidate as provided in W.S. 22-5-301 through~~
4 ~~22-5-308 or by convention as provided in W.S. 22-4-303 and~~
5 ~~22-4-406.~~

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7 **22-5-102. Eligibility to be a candidate for state**
8 **legislature; residency.**

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10 (a) For the purpose of meeting residency requirements
11 of the Wyoming constitution, a person shall not be a
12 candidate for the state legislature from a legislative
13 district unless he has been a resident of that legislative
14 district for at least one (1) year next preceding his
15 election. In any general election year in which a plan of
16 legislative districts is required but has not been enacted
17 into law at least one (1) year prior to the applicable
18 filing periods, a person may be a candidate for the state
19 legislature from a legislative district if he:

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21 (i) Is a resident of the legislative district on
22 the date he files an application under W.S. 22-5-204; ~~or a~~
23 ~~petition under W.S. 22-5-301;~~ and

1 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the
2 official ~~party~~-ballot at the next primary election as a
3 candidate for the office of, and hereby declare that
4 if nominated and elected, I will qualify for the office.

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6 (If desired pursuant to W.S. 22-5-204(d) by the
7 applicant) I swear and affirm that I am registered as a
8 member of ... party.

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10 Dated the day of,(year).

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12(Signature)

13 (Residence Address)

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15 (d) An applicant for partisan office may indicate in
16 the application whether he is a member of an existing party
17 and whether the applicant wishes to have that membership
18 indicated on the ballot.

19

20 **22-5-208. Filing fees; exception.**

21

22 (c) A filing fee shall not be required of candidates
23 for special district director, school district trustee, or

1 community college trustee, ~~precinct committeeman or~~
2 ~~precinct committeewoman.~~

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4 **22-5-209. Time for filing nomination applications;**
5 **certified list; names on ballot.**

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7 An application for nomination shall be filed not more than
8 ninety-six (96) days and not later than eighty-one (81)
9 days next preceding the primary election. Not later than
10 sixty-eight (68) days before a primary election the
11 secretary of state shall transmit to each county clerk a
12 certified list of persons whose applications have been
13 filed in the office of the secretary of state stating as to
14 each his name, age, address, office sought, and party
15 affiliation if declared. The county clerk shall print the
16 names on the primary election ballot. The number of
17 candidates each elector is entitled to vote for at the
18 primary election is twice the number of candidates to be
19 elected to the respective office at the general election.

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21 **22-5-213. Entry in pollbook.**

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1 The judges of election shall check or enter in the pollbook
2 the name of each elector voting in the primary election and
3 his party affiliation, if declared. ~~An elector voting only~~
4 ~~a nonpartisan ballot shall be entered in the pollbook as an~~
5 ~~unaffiliated voter.~~

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7 **22-5-215. Nomination of candidates and write-in**
8 **candidates.**

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10 On each ~~party~~ ballot the candidate or candidates equal in
11 number to twice the number to be elected to each office who
12 receive the largest number of votes shall be nominated and
13 shall be entitled to have their names printed on the ballot
14 for the next general election. A write-in candidate shall
15 not be nominated and shall not be entitled to have his name
16 printed on the ballot for the next general election unless
17 he received at least twenty-five (25) write-in votes. ~~An~~
18 ~~unsuccessful candidate for office at a primary election~~
19 ~~whose name is printed on any party ballot may not accept~~
20 ~~nomination for the same office at the next general~~
21 ~~election.~~

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1 **22-5-219. Further action by nominees or elect not**
2 **required; exception.**

3
4 (a) Candidates nominated ~~and major party precinct~~
5 ~~committeemen and committeewomen elected~~ at a primary
6 election shall be deemed nominated ~~or elected~~ without
7 further action. In addition, each write-in candidate
8 nominated at a primary election shall comply with the
9 provisions of W.S. 22-16-106.

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11 **22-5-220. Withdrawal of nomination application**
12 **restricted.**

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14 A candidate may withdraw a nomination application prior to
15 the primary election only by filing a written withdrawal in
16 the filing office in which he filed his application for
17 nomination. If a candidate withdraws after the ~~party~~
18 ballots are finalized and approved for printing by a county
19 clerk in any county where the candidate's name will appear
20 on the ~~party~~ ballot, the county clerk shall not be required
21 to remove the candidate's name from the ~~party~~ ballot, but
22 shall post a notice at each polling place announcing that

1 the named candidate has withdrawn from nomination for the
2 office designated.

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4 **22-6-101. Certification of candidates nominated;**
5 **printing of names.**

6

7 Not less than sixty (60) days before each general election
8 the secretary of state shall transmit to each county clerk
9 ~~under party headings~~ a certified list of the name and
10 address of each person nominated by primary election as
11 indicated by the state canvass, ~~the name of each person~~
12 ~~nominated by provisional or minor party convention, the~~
13 ~~name of each independent candidate qualifying for~~
14 ~~nomination by petition,~~ and the office sought. The names
15 of these candidates shall be printed on the official ballot
16 of the general election.

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18 **22-6-112. Name to appear only once.**

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20 No candidate's name shall appear on the ~~partisan~~ ballot
21 more than once, ~~except that of a candidate for the office~~
22 ~~of precinct committeeman or committeewoman, who may also~~
23 ~~seek another office on the same partisan primary ballot.~~

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2 **22-6-116. Printing type size and candidate names.**

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4 On official ballots ~~the political party name or title shall~~
5 ~~be printed in capital letters not less than one-eighth~~
6 ~~(1/8) inch nor more than one-fourth (1/4) of an inch in~~
7 ~~height.~~ The names of all candidates shall be printed in
8 the same size letters not less than one-eighth (1/8) inch
9 nor more than one-fourth (1/4) of an inch in height. The
10 name of each political party, if declared, shall be printed
11 next to the candidate's name in the same type size as that
12 of every other political party.

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14 **22-6-117. Order of listing offices.**

15

16 (a) The ~~major party~~ primary and general ~~partisan~~
17 election ballots shall contain the offices and ballot
18 propositions to be voted on in the following order:

19

20 (xii) Retention of justices of the supreme
21 court;

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23 (xiii) Retention of district court judges;

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(xiv) Retention of circuit court judges;

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(xv) Retention of magistrates;

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(xvi) Candidates for municipal offices;

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(xvii) Candidates for community college

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trustees;

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(xviii) Candidates for school board trustees;

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(xix) Candidates for special district directors;

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(xx) Candidates for other offices of county

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subdivisions;

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(xxi) Constitutional amendments;

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(xxii) Initiative propositions;

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(xxiii) Referendum propositions;

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1 (xxiv) Other ballot propositions.

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3 **22-6-119. Format of primary ballot.**

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5 (a) The primary ballot ~~of each major political party~~
6 shall be printed in substantial compliance with this
7 format:

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9 (i) Across the top shall be printed "Official
10 ~~Partisan~~ Primary Election Ballot"; ~~followed by the name of~~
11 ~~the major political party;~~

12

13 **22-6-120. Format of general election ballot.**

14

15 (a) The general election ballot shall be printed in
16 substantial compliance with this format:

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18 (vii) The names of ~~partisan party~~ candidates, if
19 candidates have filed, ~~and independent candidates, if~~
20 ~~candidates have filed,~~ shall be printed in a separate
21 column or columns, row or rows, and the name of the party
22 represented or the word "Independent", if declared, shall
23 be printed ~~directly above~~ next to the candidate's name; ~~or~~

1 ~~at the end of the row. If there are a number of candidates~~
2 ~~representing a party, or independents, the county clerk at~~
3 ~~his discretion may designate a separate vertical column or~~
4 ~~columns, or row or rows to said candidates and print the~~
5 ~~name of said party or the word "Independent" at the top of~~
6 ~~the column or beginning of the row;~~

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8 **22-6-123. Nonpartisan offices on primary or general**
9 **election ballots and ballot propositions.**

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11 Primary and general election ballots ~~for~~ containing
12 nonpartisan offices and ballot propositions shall ~~be~~
13 ~~printed on yellow paper or paper with yellow demarcation as~~
14 ~~provided by rule and regulation of the secretary of state,~~
15 ~~separate from partisan ballots. They shall~~ contain no
16 political party designations, but otherwise shall conform
17 to the same general requirements for official partisan
18 ballots except as otherwise specifically provided.

19
20 **22-10-101. Criteria for approval.**

21
22 (a) To be approved for use in Wyoming a voting
23 machine shall:

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2 (vii) Have separate voting devices for
3 candidates and ballot propositions, which shall be arranged
4 in separate rows or columns, so that one (1) or more
5 adjacent rows or columns may be assigned to the candidates
6 ~~of each political party~~ at a primary election;

7

8 (x) Have the capacity to contain ~~the names of~~
9 ~~candidates constituting the tickets of not less than five~~
10 ~~(5) political parties and independent groups and~~ not less
11 than fifteen (15) ballot propositions;

12

13 **22-10-108. Procedure for preparing machines for**
14 **election; inspection and certification.**

15

16 (a) Before preparing a voting machine for an
17 election, the county clerk shall notify in writing the
18 county chairman of each political party ~~having a~~ registered
19 with the secretary of state and each candidate on the
20 ballot and all independent candidates, stating the time and
21 place where the voting machine will be prepared for the
22 election. The political party representatives, candidates
23 and representatives of ~~independent~~ candidates may be

1 present at the preparation of the voting machine for the
2 election, to see that the machine is tested for accuracy
3 and is properly prepared and that all registering counters
4 are set at zero (00000). The county clerk in the presence
5 of these representatives shall prepare the voting machine
6 for the election and set all registering counters at zero
7 (00000). He shall then test each registering counter for
8 accuracy by casting votes on it until the registering
9 counter is correctly registering each vote cast on it. The
10 county clerk shall then reset each registering counter to
11 zero (00000) and shall immediately lock and seal the voting
12 machine with a numbered metal seal and make a record of the
13 number of the seal on the certificate for the machine. The
14 seal shall be so placed as to prevent operation of the
15 machine or its registering counters without breaking the
16 seal. The county clerk shall then immediately make a record
17 on the certificate for the machine of the reading shown on
18 the protective counter.

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20 **22-11-103. Capabilities required.**

21

22 (a) Every electronic voting system adopted for use in
23 Wyoming shall:

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2 (vii) Provide automatic tabulating equipment
3 which shall reject choices recorded on a ballot exceeding
4 the number allowed; ~~and at a primary election reject~~
5 ~~choices for candidates from a party other than the party~~
6 ~~for which a preference is expressed;~~

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8 **22-11-104. Conduct of elections in which systems**
9 **utilized.**

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11 (b) The county clerk of each county using an
12 electronic voting system shall:

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14 (iii) Before testing an electronic voting system
15 for an election, notify the county chairman of each
16 political party ~~having a~~ registered with the secretary of
17 state and each candidate on the ballot, stating the time
18 and place of the test. ~~The~~ Political party representatives,
19 candidates and representatives of ~~independent~~ candidates
20 may be present for the test, which shall be held at least
21 two (2) weeks before the election. The test shall
22 ascertain that the automatic tabulating equipment will
23 accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all

1 measures. The test shall be conducted by processing a
2 preaudited group of paper ballots or ballot cards on which
3 are recorded a predetermined number of valid votes for each
4 candidate and on each measure and shall include for each
5 office one (1) or more ballots which have votes in excess
6 of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability
7 of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject such votes.
8 During the test a different number of valid votes shall be
9 assigned to each candidate for an office, and for and
10 against each measure. If any error is detected, the cause
11 of it shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless
12 count shall be secured and certified to by the county
13 clerk. On completion of the count, the programs, test
14 materials and ballots shall be sealed and retained as
15 provided for paper ballots;

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17 **22-16-121. Certificates of nomination and election**
18 **following state or county canvass.**

19

20 (a) When the state canvass is concluded, the
21 secretary of state shall issue a certificate of nomination
22 to each candidate nominated at a primary election and
23 certify the names of nominees as provided in W.S. 22-6-101.

1 When the county canvass is concluded, the county clerk
2 shall issue a certificate of nomination to each candidate
3 nominated at a primary election. ~~or by petition.~~

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5 **22-18-106. Filling vacancy of congressman.**

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7 An elector qualified to hold the office of representative
8 in congress shall ~~be nominated by the state central~~
9 ~~committee of the respective parties to fill a vacancy for~~
10 ~~the unexpired term of that office. Nominations from such~~
11 ~~parties shall be filed with the secretary of state and fees~~
12 ~~paid within fifteen (15) days after the vacancy is~~
13 ~~officially declared. Independent candidates shall file an~~
14 application and pay the filing fee with the secretary of
15 state within fifteen (15) days after ~~the~~ a vacancy in
16 office is officially declared.

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18 **22-18-107. Filling vacancy of congressman;**
19 **certification of candidates.**

20

21 Within twenty (20) days after the vacancy is declared, the
22 secretary of state shall certify to the clerks of counties
23 voting to fill the vacancy the name of each candidate

1 qualified to appear on the ballot, ~~and his party~~
2 ~~affiliation or the name of a group or organization~~
3 ~~sponsoring an independent candidate.~~

4
5 **22-18-111. Vacancies in other offices; temporary**
6 **appointments.**

7
8 (c) For purposes of this section a person shall be
9 considered to "represent" a political party if ~~he was a~~
10 ~~nominee of that political party~~ his party affiliation was
11 indicated as provided in W.S. 22-6-120(a)(vii) or
12 22-5-204(d) when elected to office, or when appointed to
13 fill a vacancy in office of a person whose party
14 affiliation was indicated as provided in W.S.
15 22-6-120(a)(vii) or 22-5-204(d).

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17 **22-20-107. Statement of purpose on ballot.**

18
19 The county clerk shall print on the official ~~nonpartisan~~
20 general election ballot for the next general election the
21 statement of purpose of each proposed amendment certified
22 to him by the secretary of state.

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1 **22-23-103. Division of city into wards; residency.**

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3 (c) In any general election year in which city wards
4 are redrawn but not enacted into law at least one (1) year
5 prior to the applicable filing periods, a person may be a
6 candidate for a ward if he:

7

8 (i) Is a resident of the city on the date he
9 files an application under W.S. 22-5-204; ~~or a petition~~
10 ~~under W.S. 22-5-301;~~ and

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12 **22-23-202. Optional mode of election for towns;**
13 **procedures by charter ordinance.**

14

15 (a) Any municipality may, by charter ordinance
16 enacted pursuant to article 13, section 1(c) of the Wyoming
17 constitution, elect not to conduct its elections for office
18 or for municipal ballot propositions in the same manner as
19 statewide elections, in which case the charter ordinance
20 shall at a minimum provide:

21

22 (v) That the municipal clerk is responsible for:

23

1 (B) Preparing the ballots in substantially
2 the same form as the general election ~~nonpartisan~~-ballot;

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4 **22-23-304. Ballot form.**

5

6 The county clerk shall prepare the municipal primary ballot
7 as provided in chapter 6 of this title for ~~nonpartisan~~
8 ballots.

9

10 **22-23-401. Preparation of ballots and voting machine**
11 **labels; cost.**

12

13 The county clerk shall prepare ballots which shall be in
14 substantially the same form as the general election
15 ~~nonpartisan~~-ballot, and voting machine ballot labels for
16 the municipal general election. The name of every candidate
17 legally qualified to appear on the ballot and all municipal
18 ballot propositions to be voted on at the election shall be
19 printed thereon. The cost of preparing the municipal
20 ballots shall be determined by the county clerk and paid by
21 the municipality.

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1 **Section 3.** W.S. 22-4-303, 22-4-304, 22-5-202,
2 22-5-203, 22-5-205, 22-5-212, 22-5-218, 22-5-301 through
3 22-5-308, 22-5-401 through 22-5-403, 22-6-117(a)(xi),
4 22-6-118, 22-6-121, 22-6-124 through 22-6-127,
5 22-9-104(a)(iii), 22-10-101(a)(vi), 22-18-108,
6 22-18-111(a)(iii)(A) and (B) and 22-25-107(a)(vi) are
7 repealed.

8

9 **Section 4.**

10

11 (a) On or before January 1, 2016, the secretary of
12 state's office shall provide to the joint corporations,
13 elections and political subdivisions interim committee a
14 written plan for implementing ranked choice voting in
15 Wyoming. Ranked choice voting is a voting procedure where
16 voters are allowed to rank candidates for office in order
17 of preference and without regard to political party
18 affiliation. Each voter has exactly one (1) vote and the
19 rankings are used to determine to which candidate that one
20 (1) vote will be applied.

21

22 (b) The secretary of state's plan:

23

1 (i) Shall describe a method and contain
2 recommendations for the use of ranked choice voting in
3 primary elections as a means to determine which candidates
4 will qualify to participate in the general election;

5

6 (ii) Shall include the use of ranked choice
7 voting in both single-winner and multi-winner elections;

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9 (iii) May recommend the use of ranked choice
10 voting in a general election and describe the circumstances
11 under which ranked choice voting would be advantageous or
12 consistent with the use of ranked choice voting in primary
13 elections;

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15 (iv) Shall include recommendations concerning
16 the elected offices to which ranked choice voting should be
17 applied;

18

19 (v) Shall be developed so as to compliment the
20 election processes adopted by this act;

21

1 (vi) Shall propose a time line which would allow
2 ranked choice voting to be used in the first general
3 election after January 1, 2016;

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5 (vii) Shall recommend those provisions in
6 Wyoming law which should be created, amended or repealed to
7 implement the proposed plan.

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9 (c) In constructing the plan, the secretary of state
10 may identify workable options, without making a specific
11 recommendation, where political or policy considerations
12 have a significant impact on the selection of any one (1)
13 option.

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15 (d) On or before January 1, 2016, the clerks of each
16 Wyoming county may submit to joint corporations, elections
17 and political subdivisions interim committee their own
18 recommendations regarding ranked choice voting. The county
19 clerks are encouraged to work with the secretary of state's
20 office in preparing any recommendations so as to provide
21 consistency in the analysis, terminology and issue
22 identification provided to the legislature.

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1 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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