

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0234

Party affiliation changes.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Neiman, Blackburn, Duncan,
Eklund, Fortner, Haroldson, Heiner, Hunt,
Laursen, Ottman, Styvar and Washut and
Senator(s) Cooper, French and James

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; providing that an elector may
2 change political party affiliation no later than a date
3 specified preceding a primary election; making conforming
4 amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-5-212 and 22-5-214 are amended to
9 read:

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11 **22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation**
12 **required.**

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1 An elector requesting a major party ballot must declare his
2 party affiliation in accordance with W.S. 22-5-214, or sign
3 an application for change of affiliation before he may
4 receive a party ballot. An elector may vote only the
5 nonpartisan ballot and if so, is not required to declare
6 his party affiliation. Requesting a partisan primary
7 election ballot constitutes a declaration of party
8 affiliation. A change in declaration of party affiliation
9 shall be in accordance with the requirements of W.S.
10 22-5-214 and shall be entered on the poll list by the
11 election judge.

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13 **22-5-214. Change in party affiliation.**

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15 (a) For a primary election, an elector may change his
16 party affiliation by completing an application signed
17 before a notarial officer or election official and filing
18 it with the county clerk on or before May 1st preceding the
19 primary election.

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21 (b) For a general election, an elector may change his
22 party affiliation by completing an application signed
23 before a notarial officer or election official, and filing

1 it with the county clerk after the primary election and not
2 less than fourteen (14) days before the ~~primary-general~~
3 election or at the polls on the day of the ~~primary-or~~
4 general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot for
5 the general election notwithstanding the requirements of
6 subsection (a) of this section.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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