

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0068

Election ballots.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Byrd and
Lindholm and Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; providing for the counting of
2 absentee ballots received after the date of the election as
3 specified; requiring boards of county commissioners to
4 adopt procedures relating to such ballots; modifying the
5 time county canvassing boards shall meet; and providing for
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-9-118, 22-9-119 and
11 22-16-103(c)(i) are amended to read:

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13 **22-9-118. Delivery of absentee ballots and duplicate**
14 **list to precincts.**

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1 The clerk shall oversee the delivery of the sealed envelope
2 containing absentee ballots and the duplicate list of
3 absent electors to each precinct polling place before the
4 polls are opened. Absentee ballots returned to the county
5 clerk ~~not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day~~ shall be
6 counted in accordance with W.S. 22-9-119.

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8 **22-9-119. Absentee ballots received after the polls**
9 **close; late absentee ballots.**

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11 (a) An absentee ballot postmarked on or before the
12 election day and received by the clerk after the polls
13 close but prior to the convening of the meeting of the
14 county canvassing board shall ~~not~~ be voted. The board of
15 county commissioners shall adopt procedures for the
16 handling, delivery and examination of absentee ballots
17 received in accordance with this subsection.

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19 (b) An absentee ballot received by the clerk after
20 the meeting of the county canvassing board shall not be
21 voted. The clerk shall write on the inner envelope of such
22 late absentee ballot "Rejected-received after the ~~polls~~
23 ~~closed~~ meeting of the county canvassing board". These late

1 ballots shall be kept by the clerk for at least two (2)
2 years after the election or longer if required by federal
3 law and then destroyed.

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5 **22-16-103. County canvass procedures.**

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7 (c) The county canvassing board shall:

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9 (i) Meet ~~as soon as all returns have been~~
10 ~~received and abstracted, but if any provisional ballots~~
11 ~~have been cast in the county, not before the time has~~
12 ~~passed for provisional voters to document their eligibility~~
13 ~~to register or to vote. The board shall meet~~ at a time and
14 place designated by the county clerk, ~~but no later than~~ on
15 the first Friday following the election;

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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