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

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

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

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

22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation required.
An elector requesting a major party ballot must declare his party affiliation in accordance with W.S. 22-5-214, or sign an application for change of affiliation before he may receive a party ballot. An elector may vote only the nonpartisan ballot and if so, is not required to declare his party affiliation. Requesting a partisan primary election ballot constitutes a declaration of party affiliation. A change in declaration of party affiliation shall be in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 22-5-214 and shall be entered on the poll list by the election judge.

22-5-214. Change in party affiliation.

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

(b) For a general election, an elector may change his party affiliation by completing an application signed before a notarial officer or election official, and filing
it with the county clerk after the primary election and not less than fourteen (14) days before the primary general election or at the polls on the day of the primary or general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot for the general election notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.

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