HOUSE BILL NO. HB0075

Bond elections.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Styvar, Bear, Greear,
Jennings, Neiman and Winter and Senator(s)
Hutchings, McKeown and Salazar

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to bond elections; requiring that bond
- 2 elections only be held during general elections; providing
- 3 for an exception; requiring rulemaking; making conforming
- 4 amendments; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 22-2-104(d), 22-21-103, 22-21-104 and
- 9 22-21-201(a) are amended to read:

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11 **22-2-104.** Election dates.

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- 13 (d) Every bond election shall be held on the same day
- 14 as a primary election or a general election, or except that
- 15 a bond election may be held on the same day as a primary

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- 1 <u>election</u>, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
- 2 May or November, or on the first Tuesday after the third
- 3 Monday in August when necessary to respond to a natural
- 4 <u>disaster or other emergency situation</u>. The secretary of
- 5 state shall promulgate reasonable rules for conducting bond
- 6 <u>elections that are necessary to respond to a natural</u>
- 7 <u>disaster or other emergency situation.</u>

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- 9 22-21-103. How bond question to be submitted to
- 10 electors; contents.

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- 12 Each bond question shall be submitted to a vote of the
- 13 qualified electors of the political subdivision. Every bond
- 14 election shall be held on the same day as a primary
- 15 election or a general election, or on the Tuesday next
- 16 following the first Monday in May or November, or on the
- 17 Tuesday next following the third Monday in August in
- 18 accordance with W.S. 22-2-104(d). Any election that is not
- 19 <u>a bond election and which is authorized to be held on an</u>
- 20 <u>election</u> date established by reference to this section
- 21 shall be held on the same day as a primary election or a
- 22 general election, or on the Tuesday next following the
- 23 <u>first Monday in May or November, or on the Tuesday next</u>

following the third Monday in August. Not less than one 1 2 hundred ten (110) days before a bond election, 3 political subdivision shall provide written notification to 4 the county clerk specifying the date of the election and 5 the bond question. The bond question shall state the 6 purpose of the bonds, the maximum principal amount thereof, the maximum number of years allowed for the indebtedness 7 8 and the maximum rate of interest to be paid thereon. The 9 secretary of state may promulgate reasonable rules for 10 conducting bond elections where the election is not held at

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22-21-104. Publication or posting of election notice;

the same time as the general or primary election.

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16 Subject to W.S. 22-2-104(d), between one hundred one (101) and ninety-one (91) days before a bond election held in 17 conjunction with a primary or other August election and 18 19 between ninety (90) and seventy (70) days before a bond 20 election held in conjunction with a May, general or other 21 November-election, the county clerk shall publish notice of 22 the election at least once in a newspaper of general 23 circulation in the political subdivision. If there is no

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newspaper of general circulation in the 1 political 2 subdivision, notice shall be posted at each polling place 3 in the political subdivision between ninety (90) and 4 seventy (70) days before the election. Any notice of 5 election hereunder shall specify the name of the political subdivision, the date, time and place of election, the 6 question or questions to be submitted, and the fact that 7 8 only qualified electors of the political subdivision may 9 vote thereon. If a bond election is being held within a 10 political subdivision at the same time and place as a regular or other election, The notice of bond election may, 11 12 at the discretion of the county clerk, be combined with and 13 given in the same manner as the notice of the regular or other general election in such political subdivision. 14

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16 22-21-201. State bond elections.

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(a) A statewide bond election may be held on the same days as authorized for bond elections under W.S. 22-21-103

20 22-2-104(d). A statewide bond election shall be conducted as nearly as possible in the same manner as a general election.

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1 Section 2. The office of the secretary of state shall

2 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement

3 this act on or before July 1, 2022.

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5 Section 3.

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7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this

8 section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

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10 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective

11 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a

12 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of

13 the Wyoming Constitution.

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15 (END)