

SENATE FILE NO. SF0096

Collection of election ballots-prohibition.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman, Bouchard, Dockstader,  
French, Kinskey, McKeown and Salazar and  
Representative(s) Haroldson, Jennings,  
Laursen and Neiman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting the collection,  
2 solicitation for collection and submission of absentee  
3 ballots as specified; specifying penalties; making  
4 conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing  
5 for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-9-112(b), 22-9-113, 22-26-101(a)  
10 by creating a new paragraph (xi) and 22-26-121(e) are  
11 amended to read:

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13 **22-9-112. Instructions on outer envelope.**

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1           (b) For all electors, as specified in W.S. 22-9-105,  
2 the following shall be printed on the reverse side of the  
3 outer envelope in red ink:

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INSTRUCTIONS

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7           This is your absentee ballot. To vote, mark the  
8 ballot in secret, then sign the affidavit on the  
9 back of the inner ballot envelope and mail or  
10 hand deliver the inner ballot envelope to the  
11 county clerk.

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13           **22-9-113. Completing and return of ballot.**

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15           (a) Upon receipt, a qualified elector shall mark the  
16 ballot and sign the affidavit. The ballot shall then be  
17 sealed in the inner ballot envelope and ~~mailed or~~ delivered  
18 to the county clerk using one (1) of the following methods:

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20                   (i) Mail; or

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22                   (ii) Hand delivered to the location of the  
23 county clerk's office.

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2       (b) No person or group shall solicit, gather or  
3 submit completed absentee ballots from any qualified  
4 elector unless a communication is initiated by a qualified  
5 elector to do so and the ballot is accompanied by written  
6 authorization signed by the voter on a form prescribed by  
7 the secretary of state.

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9           **22-26-101. Felony offenses generally.**

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11       (a) The following acts in connection with or related  
12 to the election process or an election, if knowingly and  
13 willfully committed, are felony offenses punishable by not  
14 more than five (5) years' imprisonment in the state  
15 penitentiary or a fine of not more than ten thousand  
16 dollars (\$10,000.00), or both:

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18           (xi) Any violation of W.S. 22-9-113(b).

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20           **22-26-121. Violations of election code; complaints;**  
21 **investigations and prosecutions.**

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