

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0055

Election ballot order and party affiliation.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; amending the process to
2 determine the position of candidates on the general
3 election ballot; allowing independent candidates to list a
4 party affiliation; 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. 22-6-120(a)(vii) and
9 22-6-121(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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11 **22-6-120. Format of general election ballot.**

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13 (a) The general election ballot shall be printed in
14 substantial compliance with this format:

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1 (vii) The names of partisan party candidates, if
2 candidates have filed, and independent candidates, if
3 candidates have filed, shall be printed in a ~~separate~~
4 column or columns, row or rows, and the name of the party
5 represented or the word "Independent" shall be printed
6 directly above the candidate's name or at the end of the
7 row. ~~If there are a number of candidates representing a~~
8 ~~party, or independents, the county clerk at his discretion~~
9 ~~may designate a separate vertical column or columns, or row~~
10 ~~or rows to said candidates and print the name of said party~~
11 ~~or~~ An independent candidate may choose to list their party
12 affiliation on the ballot after the word "Independent"; ~~at~~
13 ~~the top of the column or beginning of the row;~~

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15 **22-6-121. Order of candidates' names.**

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17 (a) ~~Political party position shall be determined on~~
18 ~~the general election ballot according to the number of~~
19 ~~votes received by each party within the county for the~~
20 ~~office of representative in congress at the last preceding~~
21 ~~general election. The party receiving the highest number~~
22 ~~of votes shall appear first following the names of the~~
23 ~~offices to be voted for and other parties shall follow in~~

1 ~~the order of their respective numbers of such votes. The~~
2 ~~order of any provisional parties will be drawn by the~~
3 ~~secretary of state. Any independent~~ For the general
4 election ballot, the names of candidates ~~shall appear~~
5 ~~following the last party and shall be listed in~~
6 ~~alphabetical order, subject to rotation. When more than~~
7 ~~one (1) candidate is to be elected to a particular office,~~
8 ~~the names of candidates shall be printed in alphabetical~~
9 ~~order, subject to rotation, on all ballots for electronic~~
10 ~~and machine voting systems as defined by W.S. 22-1-102~~
11 rotated as set forth in W.S. 22-6-122.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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