

SENATE FILE NO. SF0163

Election integrity-primary elections.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman, Brennan, Dockstader,
Hutchings, Salazar and Steinmetz and
Representative(s) Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; providing that an elector
2 shall declare or change political party affiliation prior
3 to the first day on which primary election nomination
4 applications may be filed; and providing for an effective
5 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. 22-3-115(a)(vi), 22-5-212 and
10 22-5-214 are amended to read:

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12 **22-3-115. Grounds for cancellation of registration.**

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14 (a) A registered elector's registration shall be
15 cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:

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2 (vi) Upon written request of the elector at any
3 time except for the period for which party changes are
4 prohibited as specified in W.S. 22-5-214.

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6 **22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation**
7 **required.**

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

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21 **22-5-214. Declaration or change in party affiliation.**

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1 (a) For a primary election, an elector may declare or
2 change party affiliation by completing an application
3 signed before a notarial officer or election official and
4 filing it with the county clerk prior to the first day on
5 which an application for nomination may be filed under W.S.
6 22-5-209.

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8 (b) For a general election, an elector may declare or
9 change ~~his~~ party affiliation by completing an application
10 signed before a notarial officer or election official, and
11 filing it with the county clerk after the primary election
12 and not less than fourteen (14) days before the ~~primary~~
13 general election or at the polls on the day of the ~~primary~~
14 ~~or~~ general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot
15 for the general election.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
20 Constitution.

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