



HB0245

Pen and paper ballots.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Knapp, Brown, G, Haroldson and Locke and Senator(s) McKeown

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring counties to use pen and paper as the default method to mark ballots for elections in Wyoming; providing an exception; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

1/17/2025 Bill Number Assigned
1/20/2025 H Received for Introduction
1/28/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H02 - Appropriations
1/29/2025 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 6-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Smith

Nays: Representative Sherwood

Ayes 6 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/29/2025 H Placed on General File

HB0245HW001/ADOPTED

Page 2-line 8 After "requirements" insert ", including under the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252,". KNAPP

2/4/2025 H COW:Passed
2/5/2025 H 2nd Reading:Laid Back

HB0245H2001/FAILED

Page 2-line 6 Delete "persons with disabilities" and insert "electors who prefer to use them".

Page 2-line 10 After "systems." delete balance of line.

Page 2-lines 11 through 13 Delete entirely.

Page 2-line 15 Delete ":" and insert ",".

Page 2-lines 17 through 19 Delete entirely.

Page 2-line 21 Delete "(ii)". SHERWOOD

HB0245H2002/FAILED

Page 1-line 4 After "amendments;" insert "providing an appropriation;".

Page 4-after line 22 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 3. There is appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the secretary of state for the purpose of purchasing new voting machines and ballots for counties that do not currently utilize pen and paper ballots. Upon a showing of a need for new voting machines and ballots by a county clerk, the secretary of state shall allocate the funds for their purchase. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,

unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the secretary of state's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 5-line 1 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 4.**". YIN

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Chestek, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

Excused: Representative Riggins

Ayes 7 **Nays** 54 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

HB0245H2003/FAILED

Page 1-line 1 Delete "requiring" and insert "authorizing".

Page 1-line 2 Delete "the default" and insert "a".

Page 1-line 3 After "Wyoming;" delete balance of line.

Page 1-line 4 Delete "conforming amendments;".

Page 1-line 13 Delete "shall" and insert "may"; delete "the default" and insert "a".

Page 1-line 15 Delete "shall" and insert "may".

Page 2-line 10 After "systems." delete balance of line.

Page 2-lines 11 through 13 Delete entirely.

Page 3-lines 4 through 22 Delete entirely.

Page 4-lines 1 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 5-line 1 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 2.**". WYLIE

2/6/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

2/7/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 44-16-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter

Nays: Representative(s) Brown, L, Byron, Chestek, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer, Wylie, Yin

Excused: Representative(s) Andrew, Riggins
Ayes 44 **Nays** 16 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0