



**SF0098**

**School board trustees-party affiliation.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Olsen, Biteman and Salazar and  
Representative(s) Andrew, Haroldson, Heiner and  
Neiman

AN ACT relating to ballots; requiring candidates for school board trustee to have their political party affiliation printed on general election ballots; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

1/8/2025 Bill Number Assigned  
1/10/2025 S Received for Introduction  
1/16/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education  
1/22/2025 S04 - Education:Recommend Do Pass 3-2-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Brennan, Olsen, Scott  
**Nays:** Senator(s) Rothfuss, Schuler  
**Ayes 3 Nays 2 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/22/2025 S Placed on General File  
2/4/2025 S COW:Passed  
2/5/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/6/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 18-12-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Dockstader, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz  
**Nays:** Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Driskill, Gierau, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler  
**Excused:** Senator French  
**Ayes 18 Nays 12 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/6/2025 H Received for Introduction  
2/10/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H07 - Corporations  
2/18/2025 H07 - Corporations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 7-2-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Brown, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Locke, Lucas, Webber  
**Nays:** Representative(s) Webb, Yin  
**Ayes 7 Nays 2 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/18/2025 H Placed on General File

**SF0098HS001/ADOPTED**

Page 1-line 3 After "ballots;" insert "making conforming amendments; repealing an obsolete provision;".

Page 2-line 1 After "affiliated." insert "If the candidate for school board trustee is registered to vote during the period when changes in party affiliation are prohibited under W.S. 22-5-214(a) during the year of the general election, the candidate's party affiliation shall be the party that the candidate was affiliated with at the time changes in party affiliation were prohibited. If

the candidate for school board trustee was not registered to vote during the period when declarations or changes in party affiliation are prohibited under W.S. 22-5-214(a) during the year of the general election, then the candidate's party affiliation shall be the party that the candidate declared when the candidate filed his application for election under W.S. 22-22-202."

Page 2-line 4 Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 2. W.S. 22-6-117(a) by creating a new paragraph (xii), 22-6-123, 22-22-202(a) and by creating a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

**22-6-117. Order of listing offices in partisan elections.**

(a) The major party primary and general partisan election ballots shall contain the offices to be voted on in the following order:

(xii) Candidates for school board trustees."

Page 2-after line 16 Insert:

**"22-22-202. Filing of application; form.**

(a) A qualified elector may be nominated for the office of school district trustee ~~or member of a community college board~~ by filing an application for election in the office of the county clerk not more than ninety (90) nor less than seventy (70) days prior to the election. The application shall be in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR ELECTION FOR SCHOOL ~~OR~~

~~COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE~~

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I was born on . . . ., . . . .(year), and that I have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since . . . ., and that I am a registered voter of the . . . . school district ~~or community college district~~ (and resident of trustee residence area ~~or subdistrict . . . .~~, if any), and that I am registered as a member of . . . ., party, residing at . . . ., and I do hereby request that my name, . . . ., be printed on the ballot of the election to be held on the . . . . day of . . . ., . . . .(year), as a candidate for the office of . . . . for a term of . . . . years. I hereby declare that if I am elected, I will qualify for the office.

Dated: . . . .

..... (Signature of Candidate)

.... Name as it is to appear on the ballot

(c) A qualified elector may be nominated for the office of community college trustee by filing an application for election in the office of the county clerk not more than ninety (90) nor less than seventy (70) days prior to the election. The application shall be in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR ELECTION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I was born on ....., .....(year), and that I have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since ....., and that I am a registered voter of the .... community college district (and resident of subdistrict ....., if any), residing at ....., and I do hereby request that my name, ....., be printed on the ballot of the election to be held on the .... day of ....., .....(year), as a candidate for the office of .... for a term of .... years. I hereby declare that if I am elected, I will qualify for the office.

Dated: .....

..... (Signature of Candidate)

.... Name as it is to appear on the ballot

**Section 3.** W.S. 22-6-125(a)(viii) is repealed."

Page 2-line 18                      Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 4.**".  
KNAPP, CHAIRMAN

**SF0098HW001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 1                      After "affiliated" insert ", if any". In the House standing committee amendment (SF0069HS001/A) to this line, after "W.S. 22-22-202." insert "Any candidate who is registered as an independent and who is not affiliated with any party at the time they file their nominating petition shall be listed on the ballot as an independent candidate.". CHESTEK

2/21/2025      H COW:Passed