

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0156

Proof of voter residency-registration qualifications.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; requiring a qualified elector
 2 to be a bona fide resident of the state of Wyoming for not
 3 less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election
 4 in which they offer to vote; requiring documentation
 5 proving residence to register to vote; prohibiting
 6 registration based on documentation showing noncitizen
 7 status; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking;
 8 and providing for effective dates.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-16-102(a)(ix)(E), (F) and by
 13 creating a new subparagraph (G), 22-1-102(a)(xxvi), (xxvii)

1 and by creating a new paragraph (lv), 22-3-102(a)(i) and by
2 creating a new paragraph (vi), 22-3-103(a) by creating a
3 new paragraph (ix) and (b), 22-3-117(a)(intro),
4 22-3-118(a)(ii) and 22-29-104(a)(v)(E), (F) and by creating
5 a new subparagraph (G) are amended to read:

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7 **18-16-102. Definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in this act:

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11 (ix) "Qualified elector" means a natural person
12 who:

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14 (E) Has not been convicted of a felony or
15 if convicted has had his civil rights or voting rights
16 restored; ~~and~~

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18 (F) Is registered to vote; and

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20 (G) Has been a bona fide resident of
21 Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date
22 of the election at which he offers to vote.

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1 **22-1-102. Definitions.**

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3 (a) The definitions contained in this chapter apply
4 to words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern
5 the construction of those words and phrases unless they are
6 specifically modified by the context in which they appear.
7 As used in this Election Code:

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9 (xxvi) "Qualified elector" includes every
10 citizen of the United States who is a bona fide resident of
11 Wyoming, has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not
12 less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election
13 at which he offers to vote, has registered to vote and will
14 be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the
15 election at which he may offer to vote. No person is a
16 qualified elector who is a currently adjudicated mentally
17 incompetent person, or who has been convicted of a felony
18 and his civil or voting rights have not been restored. A
19 literacy test shall not be imposed as a condition to voting
20 in any election;

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22 (xxvii) "Registration" is the entry and
23 verification of the name, residence and voter information

1 of a qualified elector on the official registry list, as
2 provided in W.S. 22-3-104(f) and 22-3-108;

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4 (lv) "Proof of residence" means the documents
5 or other proof of residence specified by rule of the
6 secretary of state, which rule identifies documents or
7 other proof that establishes residency.

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9 **22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.**

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11 (a) A person may register to vote not less than
12 fourteen (14) days before an election, at any election
13 specified in W.S. 22-2-101(a)(i) through (viii) or as
14 provided by W.S. 22-3-117, who satisfies the following
15 qualifications:

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17 (i) He is a citizen of the United States. The
18 county clerk shall not register a person if the person's
19 presented identification or proof of residence contains any
20 indication that the person is not a citizen of the United
21 States unless the person also presents proof of citizenship
22 as specified by rule of the secretary of state. The rule

1 shall identify documents or other proof that establish
2 citizenship;

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4 (vi) He has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming
5 for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the
6 election at which he offers to vote.

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8 **22-3-103. Furnishing of oath forms; contents thereof.**

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10 (a) The county clerk shall furnish voter registration
11 oath forms to registry agents which forms shall require the
12 following voter information from the applicant:

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14 (ix) Proof of residence as defined in W.S.
15 22-1-102(a)(lv).

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17 (b) Following the provision of the information
18 required in subsection (a) of this section, the form shall
19 require the applicant's signature in full below the
20 following oath:

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22 I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen
23 of the United States; that I am a bona fide resident of the

1 state of Wyoming and this county; I have resided in the
 2 state for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of
 3 the election; that if registered in another county or
 4 state, I hereby request that my registration be withdrawn;
 5 that I will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or
 6 before the next election; that I am not currently
 7 adjudicated a mentally incompetent person, that I have not
 8 been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of
 9 a felony, I have had my civil or voting rights restored by
 10 a competent authority; and that the voter registration
 11 information contained herein is true and accurate to my
 12 best knowledge and belief.

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14 (Signature in full of applicant)

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16 Subscribed and affirmed or sworn to before me by this
 17 day of, (year).

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19 (Signature and title of registry agent

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21 or person authorized to administer oaths)

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1 **22-3-117. Absentee registration generally; use of**
2 **federal postcard.**

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4 (a) Notwithstanding any other section or provision in
5 this chapter, any citizen of the United States who is a
6 resident of Wyoming may apply for registration by providing
7 the information required by W.S. 22-3-103(a), and
8 acceptable identification ~~to~~ and proof of residence and
9 completing and subscribing, the form of voter registration
10 oath prescribed by W.S. 22-3-103(b) before any person
11 authorized by law to administer oaths. Each county clerk
12 shall furnish the voter registration oath forms. The
13 applicant shall mail or return the completed voter
14 registration oath form to the county clerk in the county in
15 which the applicant resides. In order to vote in the next
16 election, the application must be received in the county
17 clerk's office before the close of registration for that
18 election, or:

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20 **22-3-118. Proof of identity.**

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22 (a) Unless a voter is challenged pursuant to W.S.
23 22-15-101 through 22-15-109, and except as provided in W.S.

1 22-9-104(a)(vi) for an absentee ballot obtained in person
2 by the elector, no identification shall be required when:

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4 (ii) Voting by absentee ballot after having
5 registered by mail and having submitted a copy of the
6 person's acceptable identification and proof of residence,
7 as set forth in W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xxxix)(A) and (lv), at the
8 time of registration.

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10 **22-29-104. Definitions when principal act is silent.**

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12 (a) When used in a principal act, the following
13 definitions apply, unless the term is otherwise
14 specifically defined in that principal act:

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16 (v) "Qualified elector" means a natural person
17 who:

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19 (E) Has not been convicted of a felony, or,
20 if so convicted, has had his civil or voting rights
21 restored; ~~and~~

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23 (F) Has registered to vote; and

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(G) Has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election at which he offers to vote.

Section 2. The secretary of state shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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