

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0157

Proof of voter citizenship.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; requiring proof of United
 2 States citizenship to register to vote as specified;
 3 providing a definition of "proof of United States
 4 citizenship"; making conforming amendments; and providing
 5 for an effective 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. 22-1-102(a)(xxvii) and by creating a
 10 new paragraph (lv), 22-3-102(a)(i), 22-3-103(a) by creating
 11 a new paragraph (ix), 22-3-117(a)(intro) and
 12 22-3-118(a)(ii) are amended to read:

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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 (xxvii) "Registration" is the entry and
10 verification of the name, citizenship and voter information
11 of a qualified elector on the official registry list, as
12 provided in W.S. 22-3-104(f) and 22-3-108;

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14 (lv) "Proof of United States citizenship" means,
15 for purposes of voter registration, any of the following:

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17 (A) A valid Wyoming driver's license as
18 defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(xxv) or Wyoming identification
19 card issued under W.S. 31-8-101, provided that the license
20 or identification card does not contain any indication that
21 the person is not a United States citizen;

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1 (B) A valid tribal identification card
2 issued by the governing body of the Eastern Shoshone tribe
3 of Wyoming, the Northern Arapaho tribe of Wyoming or other
4 federally recognized Indian tribe, provided that the
5 identification card does not contain any indication that
6 the person is not a United States citizen;

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8 (C) A valid driver's license or
9 identification card issued by any other state that is
10 consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act as
11 defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(lii) that indicates the
12 applicant is a citizen of the United States;

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14 (D) A valid United States passport;

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16 (E) A certificate of United States
17 citizenship;

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19 (F) A certificate of naturalization;

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21 (G) A United States military draft record
22 or a selective service registration acknowledgment card;

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1 (H) A consular report of birth abroad
2 issued by the United States department of state;

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4 (J) An original or certified copy of a
5 birth certificate in the United States bearing an official
6 seal.

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8 **22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.**

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

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16 (i) He is a citizen of the United States, as
17 evidenced by providing proof of United States citizenship
18 as defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lv);

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20 **22-3-103. Furnishing of oath forms; contents thereof.**

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1 (a) The county clerk shall furnish voter registration
2 oath forms to registry agents which forms shall require the
3 following voter information from the applicant:

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5 (ix) Proof of United States citizenship as
6 defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(iv).

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8 **22-3-117. Absentee registration generally; use of**
9 **federal postcard.**

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

1 be received in the county clerk's office before the close
2 of registration for that election, or:

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4 **22-3-118. Proof of identity.**

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6 (a) Unless a voter is challenged pursuant to W.S.
7 22-15-101 through 22-15-109, and except as provided in W.S.
8 22-9-104(a)(vi) for an absentee ballot obtained in person
9 by the elector, no identification shall be required when:

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11 (ii) Voting by absentee ballot after having
12 registered by mail and having submitted a copy of the
13 person's acceptable identification, as set forth in W.S.
14 22-1-102(a)(xxxix)(A), and proof of United States
15 citizenship as defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lv), at the time
16 of registration.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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