

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0165

Ranked choice voting-prohibition.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Webb, Brady, Bratten,  
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Wharff and Senator(s) Hutchings and Ide

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; clarifying that elections  
2 shall not be conducted by ranked choice voting; clarifying  
3 that ballots are required to specify only one (1) vote per  
4 office to be filled; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-2-117(a) and 22-6-120(a)(xii) are  
9 amended to read:

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11 **22-2-117. Vote required for election; ratification.**

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13 (a) Partisan and nonpartisan candidates who receive  
14 the largest number of votes for each office to be filled at

1 the general election are elected. Nothing in this election  
2 code shall be deemed to authorize any election in Wyoming  
3 to be conducted through ranked choice voting. Any existing  
4 or future ordinance enacted or adopted by a county,  
5 municipality or any other governmental entity that purports  
6 to authorize ranked choice voting in violation of this  
7 subsection is void. As used in this subsection, "ranked  
8 choice voting" means a voting method that allows voters to  
9 rank candidates for an office in order of preference and  
10 has ballots cast to be tabulated in multiple rounds  
11 following the elimination of a candidate until the  
12 candidate or candidates with the most votes are declared  
13 winners, or any other system that allows a voter to vote  
14 for more than the number of candidates permitted to fill a  
15 particular office.

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17 **22-6-120. Format of general election ballot.**

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19 (a) The general election ballot shall be printed in  
20 substantial compliance with this format:

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22 (xii) Adjacent to the description of any office  
23 shall be printed "Vote for one" or if the office is to be

1 filled by more than one (1) candidate shall be printed  
2 "Vote For Not More Than", then the appropriate words and  
3 figures designating the proper number to be elected;

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

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