

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0092

Sexual predators prohibited from public office.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lucas, Bear, Johnson, McCann, Singh, Strock, Styvar, Webb and Webber and Senator(s) Pearson and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 establishing qualifications for specified public offices;
3 specifying that sex offenders are ineligible to hold those
4 public offices; providing definitions; and providing for an
5 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. 9-1-104 is created to read:

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11 **9-1-104. Qualifications for office; ineligibility of**
12 **candidates convicted of certain sex offenses.**

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14 (a) In addition to any other qualifications to hold
15 public office, no sex offender shall be eligible to be a

1 candidate for, or be appointed to, any of the following
2 offices:

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4 (i) Trustee of a school district;

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6 (ii) Community college district board member;

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8 (iii) County attorney or district attorney;

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10 (iv) County commissioner;

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12 (v) Member of the governing body of a city or
13 town;

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15 (vi) Mayor of a city or town;

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17 (vii) County sheriff.

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19 (b) The secretary of state, county clerk or other
20 appropriate election official shall refuse to certify a
21 candidate's name if the candidate is ineligible to hold
22 public office under this section. If a person in office is
23 disqualified from office under this section, the office

1 shall be deemed vacant as provided in W.S.
2 22-18-101(a)(iv).

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4 (c) As used in this section, "sex offender" means a
5 person who is or has been required to register as a sex
6 offender pursuant to W.S. 7-19-302 regardless of whether
7 registration has expired or been terminated. "Sex offender"
8 includes a person required to register as a sex offender
9 who has had civil or political rights restored unless a
10 court of competent jurisdiction or the governor expressly
11 restored eligibility to hold public office.

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13 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any person elected
14 or appointed to public office on or after July 1, 2026.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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18 (END)