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HOUSE BILL NO.

Elections - open primary.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; providing for any voter to vote for any candidate at primary elections; modifying 2 requirements for primary and general election ballots; 3 4 amending definitions relating to qualifications of 5 political parties; eliminating election of precinct 6 committeemen and committeewomen at primary elections; 7 modifying procedures for filling of vacancies; requiring rulemaking; making conforming amendments; repealing and 8 9 removing obsolete language; and providing for effective 10 dates.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

1 ******************* ****** 3 STAFF COMMENT 4 In fulfilling the Committees request for a bill draft 5 6 creating an open primary and advancing the 7 candidates, a number of related policy questions need to be decided. This draft is based on the bill provided to the 8 Committee in the last meeting as agenda item 2-05. 9 of the policy determinations made in that bill and kept in 10 11 this draft include: 12 13 • Rather than just advancing the top 2 candidates, this 14 draft advances twice the number of candidates as 15 positions the office has up for election. 16 Allowing candidates to refrain from identifying their 17 political party. 18 Amending the definition of "Major political party", 19 "Minor political party" and "Provisional party" to allow votes for the office of President of the United 2.0 21 States to count for the percentage requirements, and 2.2 extending the elections considered to include the primary election. 23 24 Removing the option to petition for nomination. 25 Removing the primary election of precinct committeemen 26 and committeewomen and instead requiring them to be 27 elected based on each party's respective bylaws. 28 29 ******************** 30 ****** 31 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-5-404 is created to read: 32 33 22-5-404. Vacancies in nomination. 34 35 36 (a) A vacancy in nomination for an office to be

filled at a general election occurs if prior to the general

election a candidate nominated at a primary election 1 2 declines to accept the nomination, dies, moves his 3 residence from his constituency or becomes disqualified to 4 hold the office for any reason provided by law. 5 (b) A vacancy in nomination shall be filled by the 6 person who is qualified and who received the next highest 7 8 number of votes at the primary election as shown on the official canvas. If no qualified candidate exists, the 9 10 vacancy in nomination shall be filled by: 11 12 (i) The state central committee of the political party of the former nominee for an office to be voted for 13 by the electors of the entire state; 14 15 16 (ii) The county central committee of political party of the former nominee for an office to be 17

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thereof; or

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21 (iii) If the former nominee for any office did 22 not indicate in the application whether he is a member of 23 an existing political party as provided in W.S.

voted for by the electors of a county or a subdivision

- 1 22-5-204(d), or if the former nominee was a write-in
- 2 candidate, the nomination shall remain vacant.

- 4 **Section 2.** W.S. 18-3-524(d), 22-1-102(a)(xvii),
- 5 (xviii), (xxv) and (liii)(A), 22-2-104(b), 22-2-117(a),
- 6 22-4-101(b) and (e), 22-4-103, 22-4-406, 22-5-101,
- 7 22-5-102(a)(i), 22-5-204(b)(intro), (iii) and by creating a
- 8 new subsection (d), 22-5-208(c), 22-5-209, 22-5-213,
- 9 22-5-215, 22-5-219(a), 22-5-220, 22-6-101, 22-6-112(a),
- 10 22-6-116, 22-6-117(a)(intro) and by creating new paragraphs
- 11 (xii) through (xxiv), 22-6-119(a)(intro) and (i),
- $12 \quad 22-6-120(a)(vii), \quad 22-6-123, \quad 22-6-124, \quad 22-10-101(a)(vii)$ and
- 13 (x), 22-10-108(a), 22-11-103(a)(vii), 22-11-104(b)(iii),
- 14 22-16-103(c)(viii)(A), 22-16-121(a), 22-18-111(c)(i),
- 15 22-20-107, 22-23-103(c)(i), 22-23-202(a)(v)(B), 22-23-304,
- 16 22-23-401 and 22-25-102(c)(i)(B) and (ii)(B) are amended to
- 17 read:

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19 18-3-524. Appointments to fill vacancies; term.

- 21 (d) For purposes of this section a person shall be
- 22 considered to "represent" a political party if he was a
- 23 nominee of that political party the person's party

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affiliation was indicated as provided in W.S. 22-5-204(d)
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    or 22-6-120(a)(vii) when elected to office or when if the
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    person was appointed to fill a vacancy in office of a
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    person whose party affiliation was indicated as provided in
    W.S. 22-5-204(d) or 22-6-120(a)(vii).
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         22-1-102. Definitions.
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             The definitions contained in this chapter apply
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    to words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern
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    the construction of those words and phrases unless they are
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    specifically modified by the context in which they appear.
    As used in this Election Code:
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              (xvii) "Major political party" means a political
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    organization whose candidate for any one (1) of the offices
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    of the United States president, United States house of
    representatives, governor or secretary of state, received
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election elections in the state;

not less than ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast for

that office in either of the two (2) most recent general

1 "Minor political party" (xviii) means а 2 political organization whose candidate for any one (1) of 3 the offices of the <u>United States president</u>, United States 4 house of representatives, governor or secretary of state, 5 received not less than two percent (2%) nor more than ten percent (10%) of the total votes cast for that office in 6 either of the two (2) most recent general election 7 8 elections in the state; 9 10 "Provisional party" means a political (xxv) organization which has filed a legally valid petition as 11 12 provided under article 4 of chapter 4 of this code. 13 filing of a legally valid petition entitles the provisional party to participate in the next general election. If the 14 15 provisional party's candidate for any one (1) of the 16 offices of the United States president, United States house 17 representatives, governor or secretary of receives not less than two percent (2%) of the total votes 18 19 cast for that office in that election in the state, the 20 provisional party does not lose party status; 21 "Candidate" 22 (liii) means any person who 23 knowingly seeks nomination or election to public office by:

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2	(A) Filing an application for nomination by
3	primary election , nomination by or political party
4	convention; or by petition for nomination;
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6	22-2-104. Election dates.
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8	(b) A primary election shall be held at the regular
9	polling places for each precinct on the first Tuesday after
10	the third Monday in August in general election years for
11	the nomination of candidates for partisan and nonpartisan
12	offices to be filled at the succeeding general election.
13	and for the election of major party precinct committeemen
14	and committeewomen.
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16	22-2-117. Vote required for election; ratification.
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18	(a) Partisan and nonpartisan Candidates who receive
19	the largest number of votes for each office to be filled at
20	the general election are elected.
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22	22-4-101. Application; composition, election and
23	qualifications of county central committees.

2	(b) The county central committee of each political
3	party consists of precinct committeemen and committeewomen
4	elected in the county at the regular biennial primary
5	election accordance with the party bylaws, which shall
6	comply with this chapter. Except as provided in subsection
7	(c) of this section, each political party in each precinct
8	shall elect one (1) committeeman and one (1) committeewoman
9	for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major fraction
10	thereof cast for the party's candidate for representative
11	in congress in the last general election, but provided that
12	no precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) precinct
13	committeeman and precinct committeewoman. Precinct
14	committeemen and committeewomen shall be electors
15	registered in the party and resident in the precinct. If a
16	precinct boundary line is changed for any reason, the
17	county commissioners shall determine the number of precinct
18	committeemen and committeewomen to which the affected
19	precinct is entitled.

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21 (e) The term of office for all precinct committeemen 22 and committeewomen shall be two (2) years and shall begin

on the first Monday in January of the year following their

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    election. as provided in the party bylaws.
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         22-4-103. County central committee vacancies.
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    A vacancy in the county central committee shall occur in
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    the case of death, resignation, failure of a qualified
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    candidate to be elected to a precinct committeeman or
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    committeewoman position, or removal of residence from the
    precinct. A vacancy in a county central committee shall be
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    determined and filled by the county central committee by
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    election of a registered elector resident in the precinct
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    in which the vacancy exists and registered in the party or
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    as provided by the party bylaws.
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         22-4-406. Officers and nominating procedures.
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    A provisional party shall be subject to W.S. 22-4-302
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    through 22-4-307. Under no circumstances shall a
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    provisional party nominate by the primary election process.
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         22-5-101. How candidates nominated.
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- 1 Nominations of candidates for all offices filled at a
- 2 general election, except school and community college
- 3 district offices and special district offices, may shall be
- 4 made by primary election., by petition for nomination as an
- 5 independent candidate as provided in W.S. 22-5-301 through
- 6 22-5-308 or by convention as provided in W.S. 22-4-303 and
- 7 22-4-406.

- 9 22-5-102. Eligibility to be a candidate for state
- 10 legislature; residency.

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- 12 (a) For the purpose of meeting residency requirements
- 13 of the Wyoming constitution, a person shall not be a
- 14 candidate for the state legislature from a legislative
- 15 district unless he has been a resident of that legislative
- 16 district for at least one (1) year next preceding his
- 17 election. In any general election year in which a plan of
- 18 legislative districts is required but has not been enacted
- 19 into law at least one (1) year prior to the applicable
- 20 filing periods, a person may be a candidate for the state
- 21 legislature from a legislative district if he:

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             (i) Is a resident of the legislative district on
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    the date he files an application under W.S. 22-5-204; or a
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    petition under W.S. 22-5-301; and
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         22-5-204. Application for nomination or election;
    form.
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         (b) An eligible person seeking nomination or election
    for a partisan office shall satisfy all of the following:
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             (iii) File an application in substantially the
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    following form:
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      APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION BY PARTY PRIMARY
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    State of Wyoming )
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    County of ....
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    I, ...., swear or affirm that I was born on ....,
    ....(year), that I have been a resident of the state of
21
    Wyoming since ...., and that I am a registered voter of
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    Election District No. ...., in Precinct No. ...., residing
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at ...., in County of ...., (if for the office of state
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    senator or representative) in Senate (House) District ....,
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    state of Wyoming, and registered as a member of .... party,
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    (if for the office of governor) and that I resided at the
    physical residential addresses listed below during the past
 5
    five (5) years, and I hereby request that my name be
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    printed upon the official party ballot at the next primary
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    election as a candidate for the office of ...., and hereby
    declare that if nominated and elected, I will qualify for
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    the office.
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    (If for the office of governor) I have resided at the
    following physical residential addresses during the past
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    five (5) years:
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    (Residence)
                                      (Date)
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(If the applicant desires to list party affiliation
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    pursuant to W.S. 22-5-204(d)) I swear and affirm that I am
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    registered as a member of the .... party.
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    Dated the .... day of ...., .... (year).
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                               .....(Signature)
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                              ..... (Residence Address)
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        (d) An applicant for partisan office may indicate in
    the application whether he is a member of an existing
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12
    qualified political party and whether the applicant desires
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    to have that membership indicated on the ballot.
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        22-5-208. Filing fees; exception.
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         (c) A filing fee shall not be required of candidates
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    for special district director, school district trustee, or
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    community college trustee., precinct committeeman or
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    precinct committeewoman.
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        22-5-209. Time for filing nomination applications;
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    certified list; names on ballot.
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2	An application for nomination shall be filed not more than
3	ninety-six (96) days and not later than eighty-one (81)
4	days next preceding the primary election. Not later than
5	sixty-eight (68) days before a primary election the
6	secretary of state shall transmit to each county clerk a
7	certified list of persons whose applications have been
8	filed in the office of the secretary of state stating as to
9	each his name, age, address, office sought and party
10	affiliation <u>if declared</u> .
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12	22-5-213. Entry in pollbook.
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14	The judges of election shall check or enter in the pollbook
15	the name of each elector voting in the primary election and
16	his party affiliation, if declared. An elector voting only
17	a nonpartisan ballot shall be entered in the pollbook as an
18	unaffiliated voter.
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20	22-5-215. Nomination of candidates and write-in

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candidates.

1	On each party ballot the candidate or candidates equal in
2	number to <pre>twice</pre> the number to be elected to each office who
3	receive the largest number of votes shall be nominated and
4	shall be entitled to have their names printed on the ballot
5	for the next general election. A write-in candidate shall
6	not be nominated and shall not be entitled to have his name
7	printed on the ballot for the next general election unless
8	he received the candidate's name was written by the
9	electors on at least twenty-five (25) write-in votes in the
10	primary election and is a registered voter in the political
11	party for which he was nominated on the day of the primary
12	election primary election ballots for the office. An
13	unsuccessful candidate for office at a primary election
14	whose name is printed on any party ballot may not accept
15	nomination for the same office at the next general
16	election.

18 22-5-219. Further action by nominees not required;
19 exception.

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21 (a) Candidates nominated and major party precinct
22 committeemen and committeewomen elected at a primary
23 election shall be deemed nominated or elected without

- 1 further action. In addition, each write-in candidate
- 2 nominated at a primary election shall comply with the
- 3 provisions of W.S. 22-16-106.

- 5 22-5-220. Withdrawal of nomination application
- 6 restricted.

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- 8 A candidate may withdraw a nomination application prior to
- 9 the primary election only by filing a written withdrawal in
- 10 the filing office in which he filed his application for
- 11 nomination. If a candidate withdraws after the party
- 12 ballots are finalized and approved for printing by a county
- 13 clerk in any county where the candidate's name will appear
- 14 on the party ballot, the county clerk shall not be required
- 15 to remove the candidate's name from the party ballot, but
- 16 shall post a notice at each polling place announcing that
- 17 the named candidate has withdrawn from nomination for the
- 18 office designated.

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- 20 22-6-101. Certification of candidates nominated;
- 21 printing of names.

1	Not less than sixty (60) days before each general election
2	the secretary of state shall transmit to each county clerk
3	under party headings a certified list of the name and
4	address of each person nominated by primary election as
5	indicated by the state canvass, the name of each person
6	nominated by provisional or minor party convention, the
7	name of each independent candidate qualifying for
8	nomination by petition, and the office sought. The names
9	of these candidates shall be printed on the official ballot
10	of the general election.
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12	22-6-112. Name to appear only once.
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14	(a) No candidate's name shall appear on the partisan
15	ballot more than once., except that of a candidate for the
16	office of precinct committeeman or committeewoman, who may
17	also seek the office of president or vice president of the
18	United States or another office on the same partisan
19	primary ballot.
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21	22-6-116. Printing type size and candidate names.

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On official ballots the political party name or title shall
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    be printed in capital letters not less than one-eighth
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    (1/8) inch nor more than one-fourth (1/4) of an inch in
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    height. The names of all candidates shall be printed in
    the same size letters not less than one-eighth (1/8) inch
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    nor more than one-fourth (1/4) of an inch in height. The
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    name of each political party, if declared, shall be printed
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    next to the candidate's name in the same type size as that
9
    of every other political party.
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         22-6-117. Order of listing offices.
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             The major party primary and general partisan
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         (a)
    election ballots shall contain the offices and ballot
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    propositions to be voted on in the following order:
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             (xii) Retention of justices of the supreme
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    court;
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             (xiii) Retention of district court judges;
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             (xiv) Retention of circuit court judges;
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              (xv) Retention of magistrates;
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              (xvi) Candidates for municipal offices;
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              (xvii) Candidates for community college
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    trustees;
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              (xviii) Candidates for school board trustees;
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              (xix) Candidates for special district directors;
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              (xx) Candidates for other offices of county
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    subdivisions;
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              (xxi) Constitutional amendments;
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              (xxii) Initiative propositions;
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              (xxiii) Referendum propositions;
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              (xxiv) Other ballot propositions.
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         22-6-119. Format of primary ballot.
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2	(a) The primary ballot of each major political party
3	shall be printed in substantial compliance with this
4	format:
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6	(i) Across the top shall be printed "Official
7	Primary Election Ballot": followed by the name of the major
8	political party;
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10	22-6-120. Format of general election ballot.
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12	(a) The general election ballot shall be printed in
13	substantial compliance with this format:
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15	(vii) The names of partisan party candidates, if
16	candidates have filed, and independent candidates, if
17	candidates have filed, shall be printed in a separate
18	column or columns, row or rows, and the name of the party
19	represented or the word "Independent" if declared shall be
20	printed directly above next to the candidate's name: or at
21	the end of the row. If there are a number of candidates
22	representing a party, or independents, the county clerk at
23	his discretion may designate a separate vertical column or

- 1 columns, or row or rows to said candidates and print the 2 name of said party or the word "Independent" at the top of 3 the column or beginning of the row; 4 22-6-123. Nonpartisan offices on primary or general 5 election ballots and ballot propositions. 6 7 Primary and general election ballots for containing 8 9 nonpartisan offices and ballot propositions shall be 10 printed on yellow paper or paper with yellow demarcation as provided by rule and regulation of the secretary of state, 11 separate from partisan ballots. They shall contain no 12 13 political party designations for those offices, but otherwise shall conform to the same general requirements 14 for official partisan ballots except as 15 otherwise 16 specifically provided. 17 18 22-6-124. Ballot propositions format. 19
- Following all offices on nonpartisan ballots, ballot propositions shall be printed in the order prescribed by law. The name and official number, if any, of each ballot proposition shall be printed adjacent to the proposition in

1	large letters. Nonpartisan ballots shall contain the same
2	instructions as prescribed for partisan primary election
3	ballots in W.S. 22-6-119. If the ballot contains a
4	proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot
5	proposition, the instructions shall also include the
6	following: "To vote for or against a proposed
7	constitutional amendment, initiative or referendum, or
8	other ballot proposition, mark the square printed adjacent
9	to the proposition marked 'For' or 'Against'." For
10	retention of justices of the supreme court, district court
11	judges, circuit court judges and magistrates, the following
12	shall be printed on the ballot: "Shall
13	Justice/Judge/Magistrate be retained in office?".
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15	22-10-101. Criteria for approval.
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17	(a) To be approved for use in Wyoming a voting
18	machine shall:
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20	(vii) Have separate voting devices for
21	candidates and ballot propositions, which shall be arranged
22	in separate rows or columns, so that one (1) or more

- 1 adjacent rows or columns may be assigned to the candidates
- 2 of each political party at a primary election;

- 4 (x) Have the capacity to contain the names of
- 5 candidates constituting the tickets of not less than five
- 6 (5) political parties and independent groups and not less
- 7 than fifteen (15) ballot propositions;

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- 9 22-10-108. Procedure for preparing machines for
- 10 election; inspection and certification.

- 12 (a) Before preparing a voting machine for an
- 13 election, the county clerk shall notify in writing the
- 14 county chairman of each political party having a registered
- 15 with the secretary of state and each candidate on the
- 16 ballot and all independent candidates, stating the time and
- 17 place where the voting machine will be prepared for the
- 18 election. The political party representatives, candidates
- 19 and representatives of independent candidates may be
- 20 present at the preparation of the voting machine for the
- 21 election, to see that the machine is tested for accuracy
- 22 and is properly prepared and that all registering counters
- 23 are set at zero (00000). The county clerk in the presence

1	of these representatives shall prepare the voting machine
2	for the election and set all registering counters at zero
3	(00000). He shall then test each registering counter for
4	accuracy by casting votes on it until the registering
5	counter is correctly registering each vote cast on it. The
6	county clerk shall then reset each registering counter to
7	zero (00000) and shall immediately lock and seal the voting
8	machine with a numbered metal seal and make a record of the
9	number of the seal on the certificate for the machine. The
10	seal shall be so placed as to prevent operation of the
11	machine or its registering counters without breaking the
12	seal. The county clerk shall then immediately make a record
13	on the certificate for the machine of the reading shown on
14	the protective counter.

16 **22-11-103.** Capabilities required.

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18 (a) Every electronic voting system adopted for use in 19 Wyoming shall:

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(vii) Provide automatic tabulating equipment which shall reject choices recorded on a ballot exceeding the number allowed:, and at a primary election reject

- 1 choices for candidates from a party other than the party
- 2 for which a preference is expressed;

4 22-11-104. Conduct of elections in which systems 5 utilized.

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7 (b) The county clerk of each county using an 8 electronic voting system shall:

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10 (iii) Before testing an electronic voting system for an election, notify the county chairman of each 11 12 political party having a registered with the secretary of 13 state and each candidate on the ballot, stating the time 14 and place of the test. The Political party representatives, 15 candidates and representatives of independent—candidates 16 may be present for the test, which shall be held at least 17 two (2) weeks before the election. The test shall ascertain that the automatic tabulating equipment will 18 19 accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all 20 measures. The test shall be conducted by processing a 21 preaudited group of paper ballots or ballot cards on which are recorded a predetermined number of valid votes for each 22 candidate and on each measure and shall include for each 23

1	office one (1) or more ballots which have votes in excess
2	of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability
3	of the automatic tabulating equipment to reject such votes.
4	During the test a different number of valid votes shall be
5	assigned to each candidate for an office, and for and
6	against each measure. If any error is detected, the cause
7	of it shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless
8	count shall be secured and certified to by the county
9	clerk. On completion of the count, the programs, test
10	materials and ballots shall be sealed and retained as
11	provided for paper ballots;
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13	22-16-103. County canvass procedures.
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15	(c) The county canvassing board shall:
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17	(viii) Ensure abstracts contain the following
18	information:
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20	(A) For primary elections, the total
21	ballots cast: by party, including unaffiliated votes;
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1	22-16-121. Certificates of nomination and election
2	following state or county canvass.
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4	(a) When the state canvass is concluded, the
5	secretary of state shall issue a certificate of nomination
6	to each candidate nominated at a primary election and
7	certify the names of nominees as provided in W.S. 22-6-101.
8	When the county canvass is concluded, the county clerk
9	shall issue a certificate of nomination to each candidate
LO	nominated at a primary election. or by petition.
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L2	22-18-111. Vacancies in other offices; temporary
L3	appointments.
	appointment of the state of the
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L4 L5	(c) For purposes of this section:
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L5	(c) For purposes of this section:
L5 L6 L7	(c) For purposes of this section:(i) A person shall be considered to represent a
L5 L6 L7 L8	(c) For purposes of this section:(i) A person shall be considered to represent a political party if he was a nominee of that political party
L5 L6 L7 L8	<pre>(c) For purposes of this section: (i) A person shall be considered to represent a political party if he was a nominee of that political party the person's party affiliation was indicated as provided in</pre>
L5 L6 L7 L8 L9	(c) For purposes of this section: (i) A person shall be considered to represent a political party if he was a nominee of that political party the person's party affiliation was indicated as provided in W.S. 22-5-204(d) or 22-6-120(a)(vii) when elected to office

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2	22-20-107. Statement of purpose on ballot.
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4	The county clerk shall print on the official nonpartisan
5	general election ballot for the next general election the
6	statement of purpose of each proposed amendment certified
7	to him by the secretary of state.
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9	22-23-103. Division of city into wards; residency.
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11	(c) In any general election year in which city wards
12	are redrawn but not enacted into law at least one (1) year
13	prior to the applicable filing periods, a person may be a
14	candidate for a ward if he:
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16	(i) Is a resident of the city on the date he
17	files an application under W.S. 22-5-204; or a petition
18	under W.S. 22-5-301; and
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20	22-23-202. Optional mode of election for towns;
21	procedures by charter ordinance.

1	(a) Any municipality may, by charter ordinance
2	enacted pursuant to article 13, section 1(c) of the Wyoming
3	constitution, elect not to conduct its elections for office
4	or for municipal ballot propositions in the same manner as
5	statewide elections, in which case the charter ordinance
6	shall at a minimum provide:
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8	(v) That the municipal clerk is responsible for:
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10	(B) Preparing the ballots in substantially
11	the same form as the general election nonpartisan ballot;
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13	22-23-304. Ballot form.
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15	The county clerk shall prepare the municipal primary ballot
16	as provided in chapter 6 of this title for nonpartisan
17	ballots.
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19	22-23-401. Preparation of ballots; cost.
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21	The county clerk shall prepare ballots which shall be in
22	substantially the same form as the general election
23	nonpartisan ballot for the municipal general election. The

- 1 name of every candidate legally qualified to appear on the
- 2 ballot and all municipal ballot propositions to be voted on
- 3 at the election shall be printed thereon. The cost of
- 4 preparing the municipal ballots shall be determined by the
- 5 county clerk and paid by the municipality.

- 7 22-25-102. Contribution of funds or election
- 8 assistance restricted; limitation on contributions; right
- 9 to communicate; civil penalty.

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- 11 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
- 12 individual other than the candidate, or the candidate's
- 13 immediate family shall contribute directly or indirectly:

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- 15 (i) To any candidate for statewide political
- 16 office, or to any candidate for statewide political
- 17 office's candidate's campaign committee:

- 19 (B) Except as otherwise provided in this
- 20 subparagraph, no contribution for the general election may
- 21 be given prior to the date for the primary election. This
- 22 subparagraph shall not apply to any candidate unopposed in

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    the primary election. or nominated in accordance with W.S.
    <del>22-4-303 or 22-5-301.</del>
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              (ii) To any candidate for nonstatewide political
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    office, or to any candidate for nonstatewide political
    office's candidate's campaign committee:
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                   (B) Except as otherwise provided in this
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    subparagraph, no contribution for the general election may
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    be given prior to the date for the primary election. This
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    subparagraph shall not apply to any candidate unopposed in
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    the primary election. - or nominated in accordance with W.S.
    22-4-303 or 22-5-301.
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                   3. W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lii), 22-4-101(d),
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         Section
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    22-4-303, 22-4-304, 22-5-202, 22-5-203, 22-5-204(b)(ii),
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    22-5-205, 22-5-212, 22-5-218, 22-5-301 through 22-5-308,
    22-5-401 through 22-5-403, 22-6-112(b), 22-6-117(a)(xi),
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    22-6-118,
                 22-6-121,
                              22-6-125
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                                                      22-6-127,
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    22-9-104(a)(iii), 22-10-101(a)(vi) and 22-25-107(a)(vi) are
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    repealed.
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STAFF COMMENT

For the Committees reference the repealed statutes are included below:

22-1-102. Definitions.

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

(lii) "Unsuccessful candidate" means a person who did not win the election but whose name was printed on the ballot and who received one (1) or more votes in the primary election;

22-4-101. Application; composition, election and qualifications of county central committees; certificate of election.

(d) No later than forty-five (45) days after the date of the primary election, the county canvassing board or a canvassing board appointed by the county clerk consisting of two (2) electors and the county clerk, shall provide to each county chairman the certified election results for precinct committeemen and committeewomen and a list of persons who received write-in votes for precinct committeemen or committeewomen.

22-4-303. Nomination of candidates.

Minor parties may nominate candidates to be placed on the general election ballot only by party convention. Under no circumstances shall a minor political party nominate by the primary election process.

22-4-304. Certification of candidates; fees.

(a) The chairman and secretary of the state political convention shall certify to the secretary of state the names of its party's nominees for United States senator,

United States representative, all elective state offices and legislative offices.

(b) The chairman and secretary of the state or county political convention shall certify to the county clerk the names of its party's nominees for elected county offices and office of the district attorney.

(c) The names certified to the secretary of state or the county clerk shall be filed no later than the day before the primary election.

(d) Persons certified as nominees shall be members of that party, as shown by their affidavits of registration, at the time their names are certified to the secretary of state or the county clerk.

(e) Each certification made under this section shall be accompanied by the same application and fee required for the same office of a candidate seeking nomination by primary election. A certification not accompanied by the application and fee is not valid.

22-5-202. Major political party participation; separate ballots; same time.

Major political parties shall participate in the primary election and each shall have a separate party ballot. The primary election of major political parties shall be held at the same time and at the same polling places and shall be conducted by the same election officials.

22-5-203. Nonpartisan judicial offices; separate ballot; same time.

(a) Repealed By Laws 2004, Chapter 42, § 2 and Chapter 94, § 4.

 (b) A separate ballot shall be used for the nonpartisan primary election which shall be held at the same time and at the same polling places and shall be conducted by the same election officials as the partisan primary election.

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         22-5-204. Application for nomination or election;
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    party registration; form.
 3
         (b) An eligible person seeking nomination or election
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    for a partisan office shall:
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7
             (ii) Be registered in the party whose nomination
8
    he seeks; and
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         22-5-205. Nomination application form for nonpartisan
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    office.
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    (a) An eligible person seeking nomination
                                                      for
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    nonpartisan office must
                                file an application
                                                           in
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    substantially the following form:
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17
    APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION BY NONPARTISAN PRIMARY
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    State of Wyoming )
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                       )
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    County of ....
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    I, ...., swear or affirm that I was born on ...., that I
26
    have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since ....,
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    and that I am a registered voter of .... County, residing
    at ...., and that I am eligible to be elected to such
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    office, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon
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    the official nonpartisan ballot at the next primary
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    election as a candidate for the office indicated below as
32
    follows:
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    (Name of office).
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36
    I am seeking (1) the regular term or (2) the unexpired term
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    which terminates on the .... day of ...., .... (year).
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    Dated this .... day of ...., ....(year).
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    ..... Signature
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    (b) A nomination application that is required to be filed
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    with the secretary of state may be electronically filed as
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provided under W.S. 9-2-2501 if the application is accompanied by the proper filing fee.

22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation required.

An elector requesting a major party ballot must declare his party affiliation, or sign an application for change of affiliation before he may receive a party ballot. An elector may vote only the nonpartisan ballot and if so, is not required to declare his party affiliation. Requesting a partisan primary election ballot constitutes a declaration of party affiliation. A change in declaration of party affiliation shall be entered on the poll list by the election judge.

22-5-218. Election of major party precinct committeemen and committeewomen.

The candidates equal in number to the number of offices to be filled receiving the greatest number of votes on each party ballot for the offices of major party precinct committeeman and committeewoman shall be deemed elected.

22-5-301. Independent partisan candidates; form.

(a) Independent candidates for partisan public offices may be nominated by filing a signed petition in substantially the following form:

PETITION FOR NOMINATION

I,, swear or affirm that I was born on(year), that I have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since, and that I am a registered voter of Election District No., in Precinct No., County of, residing at, (if for the office of state senator or representative, commissioner or other district office) in Senate (House) (Commissioner or other) District, State of Wyoming, (if for the office of governor) and that I resided at the physical residential addresses listed below during the past five (5) years, and having obtained the number of signatures required by law for nomination by petition, I hereby request that my name be printed on the official ballot at the next general election

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independent candidate for the office of .... and declare
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    that if nominated and elected, I will qualify for the
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 3
    office.
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    (If
         for the office of United
                                         States
                                                 senator
    representative in congress) I have not, at any time when
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    knowingly seeking nomination or election to this office,
    claimed or been currently claiming any residence
8
    received the benefits of residency from any other state,
9
    excluding the benefits of residency
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                                             related
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    incidental from maintaining a residence at or near the
12
    United States capital.
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14
    (If for the office of governor) I have resided at the
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    following physical residential addresses during the past
    five (5) years:
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18
    (Residence)
                                     (Date)
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    1.
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    2.
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24
    Dated the .... day of ...., ....(year).
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26
    ..... (Signature)
27
28
    The eligible, registered electors supporting my nomination,
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    and numbering not less than the number required under W.S.
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    22-5-304, are as follows:
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    (Signature) (Printed Name) (Residence) (Date)
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    1.
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    2.
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    VERIFICATION BY CIRCULATORS
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    I, ...., do hereby certify that I am a circulator of this
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    petition, and I solely and personally circulated this
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    petition, that all the signatures appearing herein were
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    made in my presence from .... (month) .... (day),
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    ....(year) through .... (month) .... (day), ....(year), and
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to the best of my knowledge and belief such signatures are those of the persons whose names they purport to be.

..... (Signature)

(b) The petition shall be approved by the appropriate filing office prior to circulation.

22-5-302. Unsuccessful primary candidates precluded.

An unsuccessful candidate for office at a primary election, whose name is printed on any party ballot, may not seek nomination by petition for the same office at the next general election.

22-5-303. Restrictions on sponsors of independent candidates.

The name of a political group sponsoring an independent candidate shall not contain the name or any derivation of the name of any political party recognized under Wyoming law.

22-5-304. Qualifications and number of signers required.

 (a) For a statewide partisan office, a petition shall be signed by registered electors, resident in the state and eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less than two percent (2%) of the total number of votes cast for representative in congress in the last general election for the entire state.

 (b) For a countywide partisan office, a petition shall be signed by registered electors, resident in the county and eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less than two percent (2%) of the total number of votes cast for representative in congress in the last general election for the entire county.

(c) For a district partisan election, a petition shall be signed by registered electors, resident in the district and eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less than two percent (2%) of the total number of votes cast for the office in that particular district in the last

general election. If a district's boundaries have changed since the last general election, then the required number of petition signatures shall not be less than two percent (2%) of the number of registered voters in the current district boundaries at the close of day on the day immediately preceding the primary election.

22-5-305. When petitions may be circulated; use of copies; requirements.

(a) A petition shall be circulated for signatures only during the calendar year in which the election for the office sought is to be held.

(b) Copies of the petition may be circulated for signatures, but each separate page shall contain the information required to be contained in the original petition for nomination.

(i) The elector's first and last name;

(ii) The date of signing the petition; and

(iii) The elector's physical residential address.

(d) The signature of an elector who has signed a petition in accordance with this section shall only count once per candidate toward the number of signatures required under W.S. 22-5-304.

22-5-306. Where petitions to be filed; fee.

(a) Petitions for nomination of independent candidates shall be filed in the office prescribed for nomination by primary election for such office.

(b) Petitions must be accompanied by the same fee required for the same office of candidates seeking nomination by primary election. A petition not accompanied by the fee is not valid.

22-5-307. Time for filing independent petitions.

Petitions filed with the secretary of state and with the county clerk shall be filed not less than seventy (70) days before a general election.

22-5-308. Determining validity of petitions.

The secretary of state, or county clerk shall determine from the official list of registered electors whether sufficient valid signatures have been obtained on petitions filed in his office.

22-5-401. Vacancies in nomination for major parties; procedure for filing generally.

(a) The vacancy in nomination which occurs if a major party candidate, between primary and general elections, dies, is disqualified to hold the office for which nominated, or files a withdrawal or rejection of nomination with the office where the candidate filed for nomination for election, shall be filled by certificate filed with the office which shall state:

(i) The cause of vacancy and name of the former nominee;

(ii) The name, age, place of residence, post
office address and qualifications of the successor nominee;
and

(iii) The office and term for which nominated.

(b) The certificate shall be prepared and filed by:

(i) The state central committee of the political party of the former nominee for a partisan office to be voted for by the electors of the entire state;

 (ii) The county central committee of the political party of the former nominee for a partisan office to be voted for by the electors of a county or a subdivision thereof, except as provided in paragraph (iv) of this subsection;

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              (iii) Repealed By Laws 2004, Chapter 42, § 2 and
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    Chapter 94, § 4.
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              (iv) For nominees for the state legislature, the
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    state central committee of the political party of the
 6
    former nominee for a partisan office shall:
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8
                   (A) Notify the precinct committeemen and
    committeewomen for that party for each precinct within the
 9
    legislative district of the vacancy and arrange a meeting
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    of those precinct committeemen and committeewomen at which
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    a successor nominee shall be selected by them. The state
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    central committee of each party may delegate the authority
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    to call a meeting under this subparagraph;
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16
                   (B)
                       Prepare
                                 and
                                       file
                                              the
                                                   certificate
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    required under subsection (a) of this section.
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19
             Repealed by Laws 1985, ch. 204, § 2.
         (C)
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21
         (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this
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    section, the vacancy in nomination created by failure of
23
    the qualified write-in nominee to accept nomination shall
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    remain vacant.
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         (e) A candidate may withdraw only by filing a written
    withdrawal in the filing office in which he filed his
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    application for nomination. If a candidate withdraws after
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    the ballots are finalized and approved for printing by a
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    county clerk in any county where the candidate's name will
    appear on the ballot, the county clerk shall
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    required to remove the candidate's name from the ballot,
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    but shall post a notice at each polling place announcing
    that the named candidate is not the party's nominee for the
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    office designated.
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                 Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
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              (ii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
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              (iii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
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22-5-402. Procedure after ballots and labels printed.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	(a) If any major, minor or provisional party vacancy is filled after official ballots are finalized and approved for printing by a county clerk in any county where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot, the county clerk shall not be required to add the new candidate's name to the ballot.
8 9	(i) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
10	(ii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
11 12 13	(iii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
14 15	22-5-403. Vacancies in nomination for minor and provisional parties; withdrawal restricted.
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	(a) Any vacancy in nomination which occurs if a minor or provisional party certified candidate dies, is disqualified to hold the office for which nominated or files a withdrawal or rejection of nomination may be filled by a certification from the state party chairman and state party secretary.
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	(b) A candidate may withdraw only by filing a written withdrawal in the filing office in which he filed his application for nomination. If a candidate withdraws after the ballots are finalized and approved for printing by a county clerk in any county where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot, the county clerk shall not be required to remove the candidate's name from the ballot, but shall post a notice at each polling place announcing that the named candidate is not the party's nominee for the office designated.
35 36	(i) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
37 38 39	(ii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5. (iii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
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22-6-112. Name to appear only once; exception.

(b) No candidate's name shall appear on the general election ballot more than once, except that a candidate for a partisan office may also seek the office of president or

vice president of the United States or a nonpartisan office on the same general election ballot in accordance with W.S. 22-2-116.

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:

(xi) Candidates for precinct offices.

22-6-118. Primary ballot colors.

(a) The primary ballot of political parties shall be printed on the following colored paper or on paper with the following color demarcation as provided by rule and regulation of the secretary of state:

(i) Republican party-White;

(ii) Democratic party-Blue;

(iii) Repealed by Laws 1991, ch. 243, § 5.

(iv) Additional major parties - A different color for each major party.

22-6-121. Political party ballot position on general election ballot; order of candidates' names.

(a) Political party position shall be determined on the general election ballot according to the number of votes received by each party within the county for the office of representative in congress at the last preceding general election. The party receiving the highest number of votes shall appear first following the names of the offices to be voted for and other parties shall follow in the order of their respective numbers of such votes. The order of any provisional parties will be drawn by the secretary of state. Any independent candidates shall appear following the last party and shall be listed in alphabetical order, subject to rotation. When more than one (1) candidate is to be elected to a particular office,

1	the names of candidates shall be printed in alphabetical
2	order, subject to rotation, on all ballots for electronic
3 4	and machine voting systems as defined by W.S. 22-1-102.
5 6	(i) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
7	(ii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
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9 10	(iii) Repealed By Laws 1998, ch. 100, § 5.
11	22-6-125. Order of offices and ballot propositions on
12	nonpartisan ballots.
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14	(a) The nonpartisan ballot shall contain the offices
15	and ballot propositions to be voted on in the following
16	order:
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18	(i) Retention of justices of the supreme court;
19	(1) Recention of Justices of the supreme court
20	(ii) Retention of district court judges;
21	(11) Recention of district court judges?
22 23	(iii) Retention of circuit court judges;
24	(iv) Retention of magistrates;
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26	(v) Repealed By Laws 2004, Chapter 42, § 2 and
27	Chapter 94, § 4.
28 29	(vi) Candidates for municipal offices;
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31	(vii) Candidates for community college trustees;
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33	<pre>(viii) Candidates for school board trustees;</pre>
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35	(ix) Candidates for special district directors;
36	
37	(x) Candidates for other offices of county
38	subdivisions;
39	
40	(xi) Constitutional amendments;
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42	(xii) Initiative propositions;
43	
44	(xiii) Referendum propositions;
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             (xiv) Other ballot propositions.
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         22-6-126. Form of nonpartisan ballots.
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 5
             The official nonpartisan ballot for a general
    election shall be printed in substantially the following
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    form:
8
    OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN ELECTION BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION
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11
         County of ...., Election District ...., Precinct ....
12
    Date ....
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14
                  (here print instructions)
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16
    CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE
17
18
    For Justice(s) of the Supreme Court
19
    (Here designate the particular
20
    term, such as "regular eight (8)
    year term", or the "unexpired term of .... years").
21
22
    Shall Justice John Roe be retained in office? Yes_ No_
    Shall Justice Richard Roe be retained in office? Yes___
23
24
    No___
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26
    For Judge(s) of the District Court of the .... Judicial
27
    District
28
    (Here designate the particular
29
    term, such as "regular six (6)
    year term", or the "unexpired term of .... years").
30
    Shall Judge Jane Roe be retained in office? Yes__ No__
31
32
    Shall Judge Richard Roe be retained in office? Yes__ No__
33
34
    For Circuit Court Judge
35
    (Here designate the particular
    term, such as "regular four
36
37
    year term", or the "unexpired term of .... years").
    Shall Judge John Roe be retained in office? Yes__ No__
38
39
    Shall Judge Richard Roe be retained in office? Yes__ No__
40
41
    For Magistrate
42
    (Here designate the particular
43
    term, such as "regular four (4)
    year term", or the "unexpired term of .... years").
44
45
    Shall Magistrate John Doe be retained in office? Yes__ No__
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1	Shall Magistrate Richard Roe be retained in office? Yes
2	No
3	
4	Align all designations of office to correspond on the
5	ballot with the listing of names of candidates for the
6 7	proper office and term.
8	BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
9	Proposed Constitutional Amendment Letter A: For Against
10	(Ballot Statement)
11	Proposed Initiative Proposition Number One: For Against
12	(Ballot Statement)
13	Proposed Referendum Proposition Number One: For Against
14	(Ballot Statement)
15	Other Ballot Propositions: For Against
16	(Ballot Statement For Each Proposition)
17	
18	(b) The official nonpartisan ballot for a primary
19	election shall be so identified in the title and shall omit
20 21	all references to justices of the supreme court, judges of
22	the district court and circuit court judges but otherwise shall be in the same form as the general election
23	nonpartisan ballot.
24	nonpartisan barrot.
25	22-6-127. Rotation of names on nonpartisan ballots.
26	
27	(a) The names of candidates for each nonpartisan
28	office shall be rotated on the ballot in the same manner as
29	required by law for candidates for partisan office.
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31	(b) Rotation is not necessary if the number of
32	candidates is equal to or less than the number of seats up
33	for election.
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35	22-9-104. How to apply; information required.
36	/-> 71-f
37	(a) A qualified elector may apply for an absentee
38 39	ballot either in person, in writing, or by telephone, by
40	furnishing the following information:
41	(iii) If a primary election, the political party
42	ballot if desired;
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44	22-10-101. Criteria for approval.

Τ	(a) To be approved for use in Wyoming a voting
2	machine shall:
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4	(vi) Permit adjustment at a primary election to
5	assure that an elector will vote only the political party
6	or nonpartisan ballot he is entitled to vote;
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8	22-25-107. Where reports to be filed.
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10	(a) All reports required under this chapter shall be
11	filed as follows:
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13	(vi) Precinct committeemen and precinct
14	committeewomen elected at the primary election shall not be
15	required to file a statement of contributions and
16	expenditures;
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20	Section 4. The secretary of state shall promulgate
21	rules and regulations necessary to implement this act by
22	July 1, 2022.
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1	Section 5.
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3	(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4	section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.
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6	(b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective
7	immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
8	bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
9	the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)