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ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0019

ENROLLED ACT NO. 21, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to elections; authorizing political parties to set their own convention and meeting dates; prohibiting unsuccessful candidates at a primary election from seeking by petition or accepting nomination as a write-in candidate for the same office at the ensuing general election; requiring specified election forms to contain the address of the candidate; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-2-110(a), 22-4-105, 22-4-106, 22-4-110, 22-4-111, 22-4-115, 22-5-204(b), 22-5-205(a), 22-5-215, 22-5-301, 22-5-302, 22-22-202(a) and 22-29-110(b) are amended to read:

22-2-110. Computing periods of time.

(a) Periods of time are computed by excluding the specific day and counting the prescribed number of days, including Saturdays, Sundays and full legal holidays. Except as provided by W.S. 22-4-115, If the first day of a time period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or full legal holiday, the preceding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or full legal holiday shall be used. If the last day of a time period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or full legal holiday, the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or full legal holiday shall be used.

22-4-105. County central committee odd year meeting; notice; election of chairman, state committeeman and committeewoman.

The county central committee shall meet at the county seat during the month of March of each odd-numbered year at a

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time and place determined by the county chairman. The county chairman shall publish notice of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation within the county not less than ten (10) days before this meeting. At the meeting, the county central committee shall elect the chairman of the county central committee, one (1) state committeeman and one (1) state committeewoman and other offices as provided by the party bylaws. A state political party may provide in its rules for the election of additional state committeemen and additional state committeewomen. Neither the chairman, state committeeman or state committeewoman need be members of the county central committee.

22-4-106. County convention.

The county convention of each political party shall meet on the first Friday after the first Tuesday of March in even-numbered years.

22-4-110. Composition of state central committee.

The state central committee consists of state committeemen and committeewomen and county chairmen elected at the March odd-numbered year meeting of the county central committees, and of any other party officials provided by the bylaws of the party.

22-4-111. State central committee organizational meeting; notice.

The state central committee shall hold an organizational meeting during the last fifteen (15) days in April of in odd-numbered years, at which it shall elect from electors registered in the party a chairman, secretary and other officers as provided in the rules of the party. The state chairman shall mail notice of the time and place of this

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meeting to each member of the committee not later than ten (10) days before the meeting.

22-4-115. Date of party state convention.

Each political party shall hold a state convention on one (1) of the first three (3) Saturdays in May of in even-numbered years.

22-5-204. Application for nomination or election; party registration; form.

(b) An eligible person seeking nomination or election for a partisan office shall be registered in the party whose nomination he seeks and shall file an application in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION BY PARTY PRIMARY

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. ..., <u>residing</u> at ..., in County of ..., (if for the office of state senator or representative) in Senate (House) District ..., state of Wyoming, and registered as a member of ... party, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official party ballot at the next primary election as a candidate for the office of ..., and hereby declare that if nominated and elected, I will qualify for the office.

Dated the day of,(year).

.....(Signature)

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..... (Residence Address)

22-5-205. Nomination application form for nonpartisan office.

(a) An eligible person seeking nomination for a nonpartisan office must file an application in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION BY NONPARTISAN PRIMARY

I, ..., swear or affirm that I was born on ..., that I have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since ..., and that I am a registered voter of County, residing at ..., and that I am eligible to be elected to such office, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official nonpartisan ballot at the next primary election as a candidate for the office indicated below as follows:

Justice of the peace.

I am seeking (1) the regular term or (2) the unexpired term which terminates on the day of,(year). Dated this day of,(year).

..... Signature

22-5-215. Nomination of partisan candidates and writein candidates.

On each party ballot the candidate or candidates equal in number to the number to be elected to each office who receive the largest number of votes shall be nominated and shall be entitled to have their names printed on the ballot

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for the next general election. A write-in candidate shall not be nominated and shall not be entitled to have his name printed on the ballot for the next general election unless he received at least twenty-five (25) write-in votes. <u>An</u> <u>unsuccessful candidate for office at a primary election</u> whose name is printed on any party ballot may not accept <u>nomination for the same office at the next general</u> <u>election</u>.

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 ..., <u>residing at ...</u> (if for the office of state senator or representative) in Senate (House) District ..., State of Wyoming, 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 as an independent candidate for the office of and declare that if nominated and elected, I will qualify for the office. Dated the day of ...,(year).

> (Signature) (Residence Address)

The eligible, registered electors supporting my nomination, and numbering not less than two percent (2%) of the total number of votes cast for Representative in Congress at the

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last general election in the political subdivision for which this petition is filed, are as follows:

(Signature) (Printed Name) (Residence) (Date)

1. 2.

VERIFICATION BY CIRCULATORS

I, ..., do hereby certify that I am a circulator of this petition, and I solely and personally circulated this petition, that all the signatures appearing herein were made in my presence from (month) (day), (year) through (month) (day), (year), and to the best of my knowledge and belief such signatures are those of the persons whose names they purport to be.

..... (Signature) (Residence Address)

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 filled at the next general election.

22-22-202. Filing of application; form.

(a) A qualified elector may be nominated for the office of school district trustee or member of a community college board by filing an application for election in the office of the county clerk not more than ninety (90) nor less than seventy (70) days prior to the election. The application shall be in substantially the following form:

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APPLICATION FOR ELECTION FOR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I was born on,(year), and that I have been a resident of the State of Wyoming since, and that I am a registered voter of the school district or community college district (and resident of trustee residence area or subdistrict, if any), residing at, and I do hereby request that my name,, be printed on the ballot of the election to be held on the day of, (year), as a candidate for the office of for a term of years. I hereby declare that if I am elected, I will qualify for the office.

Dated:

..... (Signature of Candidate) Name as it is to appear on the ballot (Residence Address)

22-29-110. County clerk to publish proclamation; filing period.

(b) Not more than thirty-nine (39) and not less than thirty (30) days before the formation election, candidates may file an application for election in the office of the county clerk. The principal act shall determine who is eligible to be a candidate. The application shall be in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR ELECTION SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm that I was born on, (year); that I have been a resident of district

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since, <u>residing at</u>; that I am an elector or landowner (check which one for eligibility) of said district and I do hereby request that my name,, be printed on the ballot of the formation (or other) election to be held on day of, (year) as a candidate for the office of director for a term of years. I hereby declare that if I am elected, I will qualify for the office. Dated

> Signature of Candidate Residence Address

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Section 2. This act is 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.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk