

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0002

ENROLLED ACT NO. 11, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to elections; providing for temporary registration for use of absentee ballots; repealing archaic language; providing for replacement of spoiled ballots; providing for approval of petitions for independent party candidates; extending time for special elections to fill vacancies of congressmen; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-3-102(a)(intro) and (d), 22-3-117(c), 22-5-301 by creating a new subsection (b), 22-11-105, 22-13-105, 22-18-105, 22-25-105(b) and 22-25-107(b) are amended to read:

22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.

(a) A person may register to vote not less than ~~thirty (30) days, and effective January 1, 2011~~ fourteen (14) days before an election, at any election specified in W.S. 22-2-101(a)(i) through (viii) or as provided by W.S. 22-3-117, who satisfies the following qualifications:

(d) An absent uniformed services or an overseas citizen voter who is qualified to register by mail, to request an absentee ballot, and to vote in Wyoming is entitled to register by mail using the Federal Postcard Application for the purpose of voting in one (1) election, ~~or as many as the next two (2) federal election cycles,~~ including ~~the a~~ primary, ~~and~~ general ~~and or~~ special federal ~~elections~~ election, but thereafter the voter's name shall be removed from the temporary registration list which shall be maintained as a segregated part of the voter registration list. The voter's name shall not appear on

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the permanent official registry list until the voter has registered as provided in W.S. 22-3-103 and 22-3-104.

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

(c) Registration through the Federal Postcard Application constitutes temporary registration for the purpose of voting in one (1) election, ~~or through as many as the next two (2) federal election cycles,~~ including ~~the~~ a primary, and general and or special federal elections election, and the registration of such a registrant shall be maintained as provided in W.S. 22-3-102(d). The Federal Postcard Application shall be accepted if completed and signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

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

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

22-11-105. Spoiled ballots.

Any voter who spoils his paper ballot or ballot card may return it and secure a replacement, ~~but not more than twice.~~ The word "Spoiled" shall be written across the face of the voided ballot, and it shall be placed in an envelope for spoiled ballots. Spoiled ballots shall be delivered with the returns to the county clerk.

22-13-105. Official marking of paper and absentee ballots.

Before delivering a paper ballot to an elector a judge of election or county clerk shall initial the ballot. No other identifying marks shall be made on an official ballot. An

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elector shall cast only one (1) ballot or set of ballots at each election. No ballot determined to be valid by the canvassing board shall be rejected solely due to an administrative error of not initialing the ballot.

22-18-105. Filling vacancy of congressman; whether filled at general or special election.

If the vacancy in the office of representative in congress occurs within six (6) months prior to the next general election, the vacancy shall be filled at the general election. Otherwise the special election shall occur not more than ~~forty (40)~~ fifty-five (55) days after the vacancy occurs. The governor shall declare the vacancy and issue the writ of election within five (5) days after the vacancy occurs.

22-25-105. Campaign reporting forms; instructions and warning.

(b) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules to allow the forms required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and any other forms and reports required to be filed with him pursuant to this chapter to be filed electronically. ~~after December 31, 2009.~~

22-25-107. Where statements to be filed.

(b) ~~Until December 31, 2009,~~ Statements required to be filed at least seven (7) days before any primary, general or special election ~~may be filed by facsimile transmission without the original signatures. Until December 31, 2009, statements and statements~~ required to be filed after any primary, general or special election ~~may be filed by facsimile transmission provided that an original with the required signatures is sent. After December 31,~~

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~~2009, all statements filed with the secretary of state~~
shall be filed electronically.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk