

Bill No.: SF0033 **Effective:** 7/1/2015
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Chapter No.: 154
Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee
Catch Title: Precinct committeeperson elections.
Subject: Amending the election code for county central committees.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In Wyoming, each major political party has a county central committee, which is comprised of precinct committeemen and committeewomen (committeepersons) who are elected at biennial primary elections.
- This bill removes specific requirements for the method by which a county clerk must certify elections and notify elected precinct committeepersons of their election.
- The bill requires a notice of precinct committeeperson election, including a list of persons who received write-in votes, be provided to county chairman within 45 days of the primary election.
- The bill revises the term of office for precinct committeepersons. Under current law, a committeeperson's term begins the day a primary election is canvassed and ends on the date the next biennial election is canvassed. This bill provides the term of office for all precinct committeepersons shall begin on the first Monday in January of the year following the committeeperson's election and shall last for two years. This bill provides an exception for committeepersons elected at the 2014 primary election, whose terms shall end on the first Monday in January 2017.
- The bill amends county central committee meeting requirements and specifies those precinct committeemen and committeewomen who qualify to vote to fill vacancies in office, which shall include committeepersons elected at the immediate past primary and those selected by appointment prior to December 2 of the year the election occurred for the vacant position.

Comments:

- Creates/amends a major program: election code for county central committees.