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Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: Election Code-revisions.

Subject: Clean-up revisions to the Wyoming Election Code.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This legislation contains clean-up provisions related to the Wyoming Election Code. A similar bill is offered most legislative sessions as inconsistencies and outdated provisions are located within the election code. This legislation:
 - Provides a definition for “unsuccessful candidate”;
 - Clarifies when actual receipts must be filed in campaign reports;
 - Removes term limits for state-wide elected officials other than the Governor to comply with decisions of the Wyoming Supreme Court;
 - Conforms statutory language to prior statutory changes;
 - Amends who must deliver copies of the election code to counties and municipalities;
 - Requires the signing of an oath by overseas and uniformed service members on voter registration forms;
 - Amends notice and acceptance provisions related to the appointment of election officials;
 - Amends and specifies time limits for changing party affiliation;
 - Amends time limits for the delivery of absentee ballots;
 - Amends the format of absentee ballots;
 - Removes the requirement that some absentee ballots be initialed by election officials;
 - Acknowledges a canvassing board’s ability to validate non-initialed ballots;
 - Amends provisions related to write-in candidates;
 - Removes the requirement to file campaign contribution reports for certain political action committees formed under federal law;
 - Amends campaign reporting requirements for PACs and candidate campaign committees who have previously filed a statement of receipts and expenditures;
 - Makes various grammatical amendments; and
 - Specifies the official who prints names on election ballots.