

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0225

Political party and petition thresholds.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; modifying requirements for
2 recognition of minor political parties and provisional
3 parties; specifying requirements for nominations by petition;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xviii) and (xxv),
9 22-4-402(d) and 22-5-304 are amended to read:

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11 **22-1-102. Definitions.**

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13 (a) The definitions contained in this chapter apply to
14 words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern the
15 construction of those words and phrases unless they are

1 specifically modified by the context in which they appear. As
2 used in this Election Code:

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4 (xviii) "Minor political party" means a political
5 organization whose candidate for any one (1) of the offices
6 of the United States house of representatives, governor or
7 secretary of state, received not less than ~~two percent (2%)~~
8 one percent (1%) nor more than ten percent (10%) of the total
9 votes cast for that office in the most recent general
10 election;

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12 (xxv) "Provisional party" means a political
13 organization which has filed a legally valid petition as
14 provided under article 4 of chapter 4 of this code. The
15 filing of a legally valid petition entitles the provisional
16 party to participate in the next general election. If the
17 provisional party's candidate for any one (1) of the offices
18 of the United States house of representatives, governor or
19 secretary of state, receives not less than ~~two percent (2%)~~
20 one percent (1%) of the total votes cast for that office in
21 that election, the provisional party does not lose party
22 status;

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1 **22-4-402. Petition; form; validity.**

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3 (d) To be valid, a petition shall contain the names and
4 signatures of registered electors equal in number to not less
5 than ~~two percent (2%)~~ one percent (1%) of the total number of
6 votes cast for the office of United States house of
7 ~~representative~~ representatives in the last general election.

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9 **22-5-304. Qualifications and number of signers**
10 **required.**

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12 (a) For a statewide partisan office, a petition shall
13 be signed by registered electors, resident in the state and
14 eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less than
15 ~~two percent (2%)~~ one percent (1%) of the total number of votes
16 cast for representative in congress in the last general
17 election for the entire state.

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19 (b) For a countywide partisan office, a petition shall
20 be signed by registered electors, resident in the county and
21 eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less than
22 ~~two percent (2%)~~ one percent (1%) of the total number of votes

1 cast for representative in congress in the last general
2 election for the entire county.

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4 (c) For a district partisan election, a petition shall
5 be signed by registered electors, resident in the district
6 and eligible to vote for the petitioner, numbering not less
7 than ~~two percent (2%)~~ one percent (1%) of the total number of
8 votes cast for the office in that particular district in the
9 last general election. If a district's boundaries have
10 changed since the last general election, then the required
11 number of petition signatures shall not be less than ~~two~~
12 ~~percent (2%)~~ one percent (1%) of the number of registered
13 voters in the current district boundaries at the close of day
14 on the day immediately preceding the primary election.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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