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Chapter No.: 100
Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Election code revisions.**
Subject: Changes requested to the election code by the County Clerks' Association and Secretary of State's office.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The bill makes the following amendments to the election code as requested by the Secretary of State's office and the County Clerks' Association:
 - Amends mail registration requirements for absent service members and overseas citizens by allowing mail registration to be valid for one (1) calendar year. The law previously permitted mail registration to be valid for one (1) election cycle;
 - Allows voters to send registration applications by email in addition to regular mail;
 - Amends when a voter's identification must be presented. A person having previously voted by mail would not need to provide proof of identity when voting if proof was provided during prior registration sent by mail;
 - Amends nomination filing locations by specifying that nomination applications for offices to appear on the county ballot shall be filed with the county clerk;
 - Amends write-in candidate requirements by requiring write-in candidates successful at the primary to be registered in the political party for which the person was nominated on the day of the primary election. The bill also allows for a write-in candidate to be notified of the nomination by electronic means provided the electronic means provide actual notice;
 - Extends the required time for the ballot to be in the county clerk's possession prior to the election. The bill increases the time frame by five (5) days, up from forty (40) to forty-five (45);
 - Clarifies and amends the number of times a candidate's name may appear on a ballot. Currently the law allows a candidate's name to appear on the ballot only once except in the case of a precinct committeeperson, who was also permitted to seek another office on the same primary ballot. The bill allows candidates to be on the ballot more than once if running for the office of president or vice president and for a candidate for partisan office, to seek a nonpartisan office on the same ballot if in accordance with W.S. 22-2-116;
 - Amends ballot processing procedures by removing outdated language and specifying where a voter should physically place a completed paper ballot;

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- Removes the authority of challengers to be present in the area of a voting booth;
- Expands the prohibition on organizations' campaign finance contributions to include a limitation on contributions to a candidate's campaign or a political action committee that directly coordinates with a candidate.;
- Amends provisions relating to violations of the election code by specifying any county party central committee violation of W.S. 22-25-106(d) should be filed with the secretary of state;
- Amends the time for county clerks to publish the required ballot proclamation for mail ballot elections;
- Removes language relating to ballot 'stubs' and repeals voter identification provisions that conflict with other changes in the bill.

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