HOUSE BILL NO. HB0117

Bond elections-voter threshold requirement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Styvar, Allemand, Hornok, Jennings, Neiman, Pendergraft and Ward and Senator(s) Hutchings, Ide, Kolb and Laursen,

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to elections; requiring a minimum threshold
- 2 of ballots cast in a bond election held on a day other than
- 3 a general election as specified; and providing for an
- 4 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. 22-21-110 is amended to read:

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- 10 22-21-110. Ballot canvass; results certified;
- 11 declaration; effect of defeat.

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- 13 (a) Immediately after the closing of the polls, the
- 14 counting board shall proceed to count the ballots. The

results disclosed by the count shall be certified by the

counting board to the clerk of the political subdivision.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this

section, if the majority of the ballots cast on a bond

5 question is in favor of the issuance of the bonds, the

6 proposal shall be approved, and the governing body of the

7 political subdivision, in the manner provided by law, shall

8 then proceed to declare the results of said election, and

9 complete the printing, execution, advertising, and sale of

10 the bonds, but if the majority is opposed to such issuance,

11 the proposal to issue bonds for the same general purpose

12 shall not again be submitted to election within a period of

13 twelve (12) months or as otherwise provided by law.

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(b) For any bond election that is held on a day other than the same day as a general election, the proposal shall not be approved unless the majority of the ballots cast are in favor of the proposal and the total number of ballots cast is not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the number of qualified electors who voted within the political subdivision in the most recent general election. If the proposal is not approved due to an insufficient number of qualified electors voting, the proposal to issue bonds may

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- 1 be brought at the next general election or at another time
- 2 pursuant to this act at least twelve (12) months following
- 3 this election. This subsection shall apply only to bond
- 4 elections held in accordance with this article.

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- 6 Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to
- 7 impact a bond election held prior to the effective date of
- 8 this act.

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10 Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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12 (END)

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