



**HB0022**

**Recall of elected municipal officers.**

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Heiner, Allemand, Bear, Campbell, K and Neiman and Senator(s) Laursen, D and Pearson

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; establishing recall provisions for municipal elected officers as specified; repealing a duplicative provision; and providing for an effective date.

12/17/2025 Bill Number Assigned  
1/9/2026 H Received for Introduction  
2/10/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H09 - Minerals 61-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

**Excused:** Representative Kelly

**Ayes** 61    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/12/2026 H09 - Minerals:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 8-1-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Campbell, K, Heiner, Knapp, Larson, Riggins, Schmid, Tarver, Webber

**Nays:** Representative Lawley

**Ayes** 8    **Nays** 1    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/12/2026 H Placed on General File

**HB0022HS001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 2 Delete "twenty-five percent (25%)" and insert "forty percent (40%); after "electors" insert "who were entitled to vote for the officer sought to be removed at the officer's most recent election".

Page 2-line 3 Delete "an election of a successor" and insert "the removal".

Page 3-line 13 After "holding" delete "the" and insert "a recall".

Page 3-line 16 After "sufficiency" insert ". The ballot shall present the question of whether the officer should be removed from office".

Page 3-lines 18 through 23 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ix) A recall petition shall not be filed against an officer until the officer has served at least nine (9) months of the term for which the officer was elected and no less than six (6) months before the next election.

(x) No more than one (1) recall election may be held against the same officer during the same term of office.

(b) If a majority of votes are in favor of removal, the officer is removed from office and the office shall be deemed vacant. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with W.S. 15-1-107 and any other applicable law governing vacancies for that office. This method of removal is in addition to any other methods provided by law."

Page 4-lines 1 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 5-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely. HEINER, CHAIRMAN

**HB0022HW001/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)**

Page 2-after line 18 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(v) No person shall be paid to collect signatures for a petition under this section." LARSON, JT, YIN

**HB0022HW002/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)**

Page 2-line 4 After "clerk" insert ". Each petition shall pertain to the recall of only one (1) elected official". LARSON, JT, YIN

**HB0022HW003/ADOPTED**

Page 3-line 2 After "purpose" insert ". The county clerk shall verify signatures under this paragraph upon the request of the governing body. The governing body shall reimburse the county clerk for the costs of verifying signatures under this paragraph".

Page 3-line 14 After "election" delete "," and insert "in accordance with the election provisions in the Wyoming Election Code of 1973 as amended. The recall election shall be". HEINER

2/16/2026 H COW:Passed  
2/17/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/18/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 57-0-5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Banks, Campbell, E, Jarvis, Kelly, Nicholas

**Ayes** 57    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 5    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/19/2026 S Received for Introduction  
2/23/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S07 - Corporations  
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**ROLL CALL**



residence and contact information to the clerk before the time that the petition is filed".

Page 2-lines 17 through 21 Delete entirely and insert:

"(vii) The circulator of each packet shall make an oath before a competent officer that he personally circulated the petition, that the signatures on the petition were made in his presence and that, to the best of his knowledge, the signatures are those of the persons whose names they purport to be;".

Page 3-line 1 Delete "(v)" and insert "(viii)".

Page 3-after line 2 Insert:

"(ix) All signatures on the petition shall be collected within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date the first signature is affixed. Any signature collected outside of this period shall not be counted toward the requisite number of qualified electors. The date the first signature is affixed shall be attested to by the signer of the oath required under paragraph (vii) of this subsection;".

Page 3-lines 4 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:

"(x) Not more than sixty (60) days from the date of filing the petition, the county clerk shall determine whether the petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified electors. In determining the sufficiency of the petition, the county clerk shall not count signatures on petitions not properly verified and shall apply the verification standards provided in W.S. 22-24-314(b) and any rules promulgated by the secretary of state under subsection (c) of this section. The governing body shall reimburse the county clerk for the costs of verifying signatures under this paragraph;".

Page 3-line 14 Delete "(vii)" and insert "(xi)"; before "clerk" insert "county".

Page 3-line 15 After "examination" insert ", and shall communicate the same to the city clerk and the petitioner".

Page 3-lines 17 through 19 Delete entirely and insert:

"(xii) If the petition is insufficient and sufficient time exists, the person who filed it shall be informed of the deficiency and, without prejudice, shall be allowed to collect additional signatures;".

Page 3-lines 21 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 4-lines 1 through 7 Delete entirely and insert:

"(xiii) If the petition is sufficient, the clerk charged with conducting the election shall submit it to the electors, as follows:

(A) If a regular election scheduled under W.S. 22-2-104(a), (b) or (c) occurs not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of the county clerk's certificate of sufficiency, the recall question shall be placed on the ballot at that election. For a recall election held under this subparagraph, the clerk charged with

conducting the election shall publish notice of the election in accordance with W.S. 22-21-104;

(B) If no regular election is scheduled under W.S. 22-2-104(a), (b) or (c) will occur within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of the county clerk's certificate of sufficiency, the governing body shall call a special election on the recall question to be held not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of the county clerk's certificate of sufficiency. Not later than seventy-five (75) days before the date of the special election, the clerk charged with conducting the election shall publish notice at least once as prescribed for other elections and post in the clerk's office and at the place where the municipality regularly holds its council meetings a proclamation setting forth the date of the election, the office subject to recall, the name of the officer whose recall is sought and the question to be presented to the electors. The special election shall be conducted by the clerk charged with conducting the election in accordance with the Wyoming Election Code of 1973, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this section. The costs of a special election held under this subparagraph shall be borne by the governing body of the political subdivision.

(xiv) For elections held under paragraph (xiii) of this subsection, the ballot shall present the question of whether the officer should be removed from office. The recall election shall be conducted by the clerk charged with conducting the election in accordance with the Wyoming Election Code of 1973, as amended;".

Page 4-line 9 Delete "(x)" and insert "(xv)"; delete "filed" and insert "approved".

Page 4-line 11 After "elected" insert "or appointed".

Page 4-line 12 Delete "next election" and insert "end of that officer's current term".

Page 4-line 14 Delete "(xi)" and insert "(xvi)".

Page 4-line 22 After "office." insert "The recalled officer shall not be eligible to fill the vacancy created by the recall.".

Page 4-after line 23 Insert:

"(c) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this section, including rules for the form of the recall petition, procedures for signature verification and the administration of recall elections under this section.".

To the extent required by this amendment, renumber as necessary. CASE, CHAIRMAN

3/3/2026 S COW:Failed 10-20-1-0-0

#### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, Case, Dockstader, Hicks, Hutchings, Laursen, Love, Pearson, Steinmetz

**Nays:** Senator(s) Anderson, Biteman, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Driskill, French, Gierau, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

**Excused:** Senator Barlow  
**Ayes** 10    **Nays** 20    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0