

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0032

ENROLLED ACT NO. 47, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to elections; modifying provisions for filling of vacancies in elected office by elected precinct committeemen and committeewomen as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-18-111(a)(iii)(A) is amended to read:

22-18-111. Vacancies in other offices; temporary appointments.

(a) Any vacancy in any other elective office in the state except representative in congress or the board of trustees of a school or community college district, shall be filled by the governing body, or as otherwise provided in this section, by appointment of a temporary successor. The person appointed shall serve until a successor for the remainder of the unexpired term is elected at the next general election and takes office on the first Monday of the following January. Provided, if a vacancy in a four (4) year term of office occurs in the term's second or subsequent years after the first day for filing an application for nomination pursuant to W.S. 22-5-209, no election to fill the vacancy shall be held and the temporary successor appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The following apply:

(iii) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the state legislature:

(A) For vacancies other than resignations, the board of county commissioners of the county or counties in which the vacancy occurs shall immediately notify in

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writing the chairman of the state central committee of the political party which the former incumbent represented at the time of his election under W.S. 22-6-120(a)(vii), or at the time of his appointment if not elected to office. For resignations, the governor shall notify the appropriate state central committee or the appropriate board of county commissioners in accordance with W.S. 28-1-106. For all vacancies in which the incumbent represented a political party at the time of his election or appointment to the office, the state central committee of the political party of the former incumbent shall notify the precinct committeemen and committeewomen for that party for each precinct within the legislative district which is vacant and arrange a meeting of those precinct committeemen and committeewomen at which they will select a list of three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy. Only those persons serving as committeemen and committeewomen at least thirty (30) days prior to the vacancy, or if the vacancy occurs within thirty (30) days after a primary election, including precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected at that primary, shall be authorized to vote under this subparagraph. The meeting shall be held not later than fifteen (15) days after the state central committee is notified of the vacancy. The state central committee of each political party shall establish procedures for conducting the vote required under this subparagraph and may delegate the authority to call the meeting required under this subparagraph;

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk