

SENATE FILE NO. SF0033

Precinct committeeperson elections.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political  
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; amending provisions related  
2 to the election of precinct committeemen and  
3 committeewomen; amending the certification and notice  
4 requirements for precinct elections; establishing a term of  
5 office; amending county central committee meeting  
6 requirements; specifying those precinct committeemen and  
7 committeewomen who qualify to vote to fill vacancies in  
8 office; and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-4-101(b) and by creating new  
13 subsections (d) and (e), 22-4-104 and 22-18-111(a)(iii)(A)  
14 are amended to read:

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1           **22-4-101. Application; composition, election and**  
2 **qualifications of county central committees; certificate of**  
3 **election.**

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5           (b) The county central committee of each political  
6 party consists of precinct committeemen and committeewomen  
7 elected in the county at the regular biennial primary  
8 election. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this  
9 section, each political party in each precinct shall elect  
10 one (1) committeeman and one (1) committeewoman for each  
11 two hundred fifty (250) votes or major fraction thereof  
12 cast for the party's candidate for representative in  
13 congress in the last general election, but provided that no  
14 precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) precinct  
15 committeeman and precinct committeewoman. Precinct  
16 committeemen and committeewomen shall be electors  
17 registered in the party and resident in the precinct. ~~The~~  
18 ~~county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to the~~  
19 ~~precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected and~~  
20 ~~concurrently notify the county central committee chairman.~~  
21 ~~The certificate shall state the term of office which shall~~  
22 ~~begin on the day the primary election is canvassed and~~  
23 ~~shall expire on the date the next regular biennial primary~~

1 ~~election is canvassed.~~ If a precinct boundary line is  
2 changed for any reason, the county commissioners shall  
3 determine the number of precinct committeemen and  
4 committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.

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6 (d) No later than forty-five (45) days after the date  
7 of the primary election, the county canvassing board or a  
8 canvassing board appointed by the county clerk consisting  
9 of two (2) electors and the county clerk, shall provide to  
10 each county chairman the certified election results for  
11 precinct committeemen and committeewomen and a list of  
12 persons who received write-in votes for precinct  
13 committeemen or committeewomen, if those write-in votes  
14 resulted in a tie.

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16 (e) Except for the term beginning after the canvass  
17 of the 2014 primary election, the term of office for all  
18 precinct committeemen and committeewomen shall be two (2)  
19 years and shall begin on the first Monday in January of the  
20 year following their election. The term for committeemen  
21 and committeewomen elected at the 2014 primary election  
22 shall end on the first Monday in January of 2017.

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1           **22-4-104. County central committee organizational**  
2 **meeting; notice of meetings.**

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4 The county central committee shall meet and organize under  
5 the direction of the county chairman at the time and place  
6 determined by the county chairman within thirty (30) days  
7 after the ~~county chairman has received notice from the~~  
8 ~~county clerk that all of its members have been certified~~  
9 ~~elected~~ term of its members begins. The county chairman  
10 shall also publish a notice of all meetings of the county  
11 central committee in a newspaper of general county  
12 circulation not less than two (2) days prior to a meeting.

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14           **22-18-111. Vacancies in other offices; temporary**  
15 **appointments.**

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17           (a) Any vacancy in any other elective office in the  
18 state except representative in congress or the board of  
19 trustees of a school or community college district, shall  
20 be filled by the governing body, or as otherwise provided  
21 in this section, by appointment of a temporary successor.  
22 The person appointed shall serve until a successor for the  
23 remainder of the unexpired term is elected at the next

1 general election and takes office on the first Monday of  
2 the following January. Provided, if a vacancy in a four  
3 (4) year term of office occurs in the term's second or  
4 subsequent years after the first day for filing an  
5 application for nomination pursuant to W.S. 22-5-209, no  
6 election to fill the vacancy shall be held and the  
7 temporary successor appointed shall serve the remainder of  
8 the unexpired term. The following apply:

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

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13 (A) For vacancies other than resignations,  
14 the board of county commissioners of the county or counties  
15 in which the vacancy occurs shall immediately notify in  
16 writing the chairman of the state central committee of the  
17 political party which the former incumbent represented at  
18 the time of his election under W.S. 22-6-120(a)(vii), or at  
19 the time of his appointment if not elected to office. For  
20 resignations, the governor shall notify the appropriate  
21 state central committee or the appropriate board of county  
22 commissioners in accordance with W.S. 28-1-106. For all  
23 vacancies in which the incumbent represented a political

1 party at the time of his election or appointment to the  
2 office, the state central committee of the political party  
3 of the former incumbent shall notify the precinct  
4 committeemen and committeewomen for that party for each  
5 precinct within the legislative district which is vacant  
6 and arrange a meeting of those precinct committeemen and  
7 committeewomen at which they will select a list of three  
8 (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy. Only those  
9 persons serving as committeemen and committeewomen at least  
10 thirty (30) days prior to the vacancy, or if the vacancy  
11 occurs within thirty (30) days after ~~a primary election,~~  
12 ~~including precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected~~  
13 ~~at that primary~~ the first Monday in January in odd-numbered  
14 years, those precinct committeemen and committeewomen  
15 elected at the immediate past primary election and those  
16 selected prior to December 2 of the year in which the  
17 election occurred for vacant positions, shall be authorized  
18 to vote under this subparagraph. The meeting shall be held  
19 not later than fifteen (15) days after the state central  
20 committee is notified of the vacancy. The state central  
21 committee of each political party shall establish  
22 procedures for conducting the vote required under this

1 subparagraph and may delegate the authority to call the  
2 meeting required under this subparagraph;

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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