

ENROLLED ACT NO. 62, SENATE

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

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

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

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

(b) The county central committee of each political party consists of precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected in the county at the regular biennial primary election. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each political party in each precinct shall elect one (1) committeeman and one (1) committeewoman for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major fraction thereof cast for the party's candidate for representative in congress in the last general election, but provided that no precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen shall be electors registered in the party and resident in the precinct. ~~The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to the precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected and concurrently notify the county central committee chairman.~~

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~~The certificate shall state the term of office which shall begin on the day the primary election is canvassed and shall expire on the date the next regular biennial primary election is canvassed.~~ If a precinct boundary line is changed for any reason, the county commissioners shall determine the number of precinct committeemen and committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.

(d) No later than forty-five (45) days after the date of the primary election, the county canvassing board or a canvassing board appointed by the county clerk consisting of two (2) electors and the county clerk, shall provide to each county chairman the certified election results for precinct committeemen and committeewomen and a list of persons who received write-in votes for precinct committeemen or committeewomen.

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

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

The county central committee shall meet and organize under the direction of the county chairman at the time and place determined by the county chairman within thirty (30) days after the county chairman has ~~received notice from the county clerk that all of its members have been certified elected~~ received the certified election results of all members elected to the committee. The county chairman shall

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also publish a notice of all meetings of the county central committee in a newspaper of general county circulation not less than two (2) days prior to a meeting.

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 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

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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~~ the first Monday in January in odd-numbered years, those precinct committeemen and committeewomen elected at the immediate past primary election and those selected by appointment prior to December 2 of the year in which the election occurred for vacant positions, 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, 2015.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk