

SENATE FILE NO. SF0097

Change in party affiliation.

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Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, McKeown,
Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s)
Gray, Haroldson, Jennings, Laursen and
Neiman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions relating
2 to political party affiliation changes by electors; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-3-115(a)(vi), 22-5-212 and
8 22-5-214 are amended to read:

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10 **22-3-115. Grounds for cancellation of registration.**

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12 (a) A registered elector's registration shall be
13 cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:

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1 (vi) Upon written request of the elector at any
2 time except for the period for which party changes are
3 prohibited as specified in W.S. 22-5-214.

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5 **22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation**
6 **required.**

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8 An elector requesting a major party ballot ~~must~~shall
9 declare ~~his or~~ change party affiliation, ~~or sign an~~
10 ~~application for change of affiliation~~ in accordance with
11 W.S. 22-5-214 before ~~he may receive~~ receiving a party
12 ballot. An elector may vote only the nonpartisan ballot and
13 if so, is not required to declare his party affiliation.
14 Requesting a partisan primary election ballot constitutes a
15 declaration of party affiliation. A change in declaration
16 of party affiliation shall be in accordance with the
17 requirements of W.S. 22-5-214 and shall be entered on the
18 poll list by the election judge.

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20 **22-5-214. Change in party affiliation.**

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22 (a) For a primary election, an elector may declare or
23 change party affiliation by completing an application

1 signed before a notarial officer or election official and
2 filing it with the county clerk prior to the first day on
3 which an application for nomination may be filed under W.S.
4 22-5-209.

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6 (b) For a general election, an elector may declare or
7 change ~~his~~ party affiliation by completing an application
8 signed before a notarial officer or election official, and
9 filing it with the county clerk after the primary election
10 and not less than fourteen (14) days before the ~~primary~~
11 general election or at the polls on the day of the ~~primary~~
12 ~~or~~ general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot
13 for the general election.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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20 (END)