# Wyoming

Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Guide

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### State Guide to Voter Registration & Voter List Maintenance Statutes

This is a guide to your state's laws relating to voter registration and voter list maintenance.

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# Who can I contact with election related questions?

### **Link to Elections Official**

<b>Chief Elections Office:</b>	Secretary of State <u>Election Division</u>
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County Clerks:	https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/Docs/ WYCountyClerks.pdf

### How do I register to vote?

## Link to Register Link to Statutes

#### § 22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.

- (a) A person may register to vote not less than fourteen (14) days before an election, at any election specified in W.S. 22-2-101(a)(i) through (viii) or as provided by W.S. 22-3-117, who satisfies the following qualifications:
- (i) He is a citizen of the United States;
- (ii) He will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the next general election provided he shall not be permitted to vote until he has attained the age of eighteen (18);
- (iii) He is a bona fide resident of Wyoming as determined in accordance with W.S. 22-1-102(a) (xxx);
- (iv) He is not currently adjudicated mentally incompetent;
- (v) He has not been convicted of a felony, or if convicted has had his civil or voting rights re-

# How do I cancel my voter registration?

## **Link to Statutes Election Offices**

#### § 22-3-115. Grounds for cancellation of registration.

- (a) A registered elector's registration shall be cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:
- (vi) Upon written request of the elector at any time except for the period for which party changes are prohibited as specified in W.S. 22-5-214.

# How is voter list maintenance handled?

#### § 22-3-105. Investigation of voter qualifications; striking names from registry; criteria; notice; appeal.

- (a) The county clerk may investigate the qualifications of any voter registration, when he has reasonable cause to believe that the voter may be unqualified. The county clerk shall, after a thorough investigation, strike from the voter registration lists the name of any person who is not qualified to be registered.
- (b) Among the criteria the county clerk may use in determining the qualifications of any person to be registered are the following:
- (i) Location of dwelling of registrant and family;
- (ii) Occupation and location of employment;
- (iii) Location of vehicle registration;
- (iv) Wyoming driver's license or tribal identification card that meets the requirements of W.S. 22-3-103 (a)(vi)(B);
- (v) Property owned;
- (vi) Any other residency qualifications either provided by law or deemed reasonable by the clerk to render a judicious determination.
- (c) The clerk shall give immediate written notice by certified return receipt mail to any person who is denied registration.
- (d) Any person who is denied registration has the right to appeal to a circuit court within the county or to the district court within five (5) days of the date of the notification. The appellant shall not be required to obtain legal counsel for any such appeal.
- (e) The court shall hear and decide any such appeal within five (5) days from the date the appeal is received.
- (f) The provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act are not applicable to voter registration appeals.

#### § 22-3-106. Request for voter registration withdrawal; form.

If a voter registration applicant affirms that he is registered in another county or state, the registry agent shall require that the applicant make a written withdrawal of voter registration from another county or state on the Wyoming registration application.

#### § 22-3-114. Notification by registered elector of name or address change.

A registered elector who changes his name or changes his residence from one address to another within the same county shall notify the county clerk of the change, including in the notification the name, address, precinct and social security number (optional) under which registered and the nature of the change.

#### § 22-3-115. Grounds for cancellation of registration.

- (a) A registered elector's registration shall be cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:
- (i) Failure to vote in any general election;
- (ii) Death;
- (iii) Removal of residence from the county or state more than thirty (30) days prior to an election;
- (iv) Disqualification to vote;
- (v) Receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction;
- (vi) Upon written request of the elector at any time except for the period for which party changes are prohibited as specified in W.S. 22-5-214.
- (b) A registered elector's registration shall not be cancelled if the elector in any general election requested an absentee ballot which was rejected.

#### § 22-3-116. Notice of intent to cancel registration.

When the county clerk has information that a registration should be cancelled, he shall mail a notice of intent to cancel to the elector at his address on the registry list stating the reason for cancellation. The notice shall state that cancellation shall occur within twenty (20) days unless the elector asks that his name remain on the registry list. A copy of the notice of cancellation shall be retained by the county clerk for three (3) years. A notice is not required if the clerk has received a receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction or if the elector requested cancellation in writing.

#### **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993**

Section 8 of the NVRA contains requirements with respect to the administration of voter registration by States and requires States to implement procedures to maintain accurate and current voter registration lists.

Six States (Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming are exempt from the NVRA because, on and after August 1, 1994, they either had no voter-registration requirements or had election-day voter registration at polling places with respect to elections for federal office.

https://www.justice.gov/crt/national-voter-registration-act-1993-nvra

# List of voter registration statuses and their definitions

Registration Statuses	
<b>Qualified elector</b> - includes every citizen of the United States who is a bona fide resident of Wyoming, has registered to vote and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the election at which he may offer to vote. No person is a qualified elector who is a currently adjudicated mentally incompetent person, or who has been convicted of a felony and his civil or voting rights have not been restored. A literacy test shall not be imposed as a condition to voting in any election	Wyo. Stat. § 22-1-102
<b>Canceled</b> - (a) A registered elector's registration shall be cancelled for any one (1) of the following reasons:	Wyo. Stat. § 22-3-115
(i) Failure to vote in any general election;	
(ii) Death;	
(iii) Removal of residence from the county or state more than thirty (30) days prior to an election;	
(iv) Disqualification to vote;	
(v) Receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction;	
(vi) Upon written request of the elector at any time except for the period for which party changes are prohibited as specified in W.S. 22-5-214.	
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### How do I file a HAVA complaint?

### Link to HAVA Information Link to Form

This form may be used when any person believes there has been or is about to be a violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, P.L. 107-252. A letter in substantially the same form may be used so long as it is signed, sworn, and notarized. Title III concerns voting system (machine) standards; provisional voting; voter registration, and the registration list requirements. If this form indicates other possible violations, the Complaint may be referred to other authorities. A person with a complaint may also speak or write directly to local election officials.

# How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

### <u>Link to Statutes</u> <u>Link to Complaint Form</u>

#### § 22-26-121. Violations of election code; complaints; investigations and prosecutions.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person may file a written complaint with the secretary of state regarding any violation of the Election Code by any statewide or legislative candidate, committee or organization or any violation of W.S. 22-25-106(d) by a county party central committee. If the secretary of state finds that the complaint has merit and suspects a violation of the Election Code, he shall refer the complaint to the Wyoming attorney general for investigation and prosecution. The attorney general may prosecute the complaint in the district court for the district in which the violation was alleged to occur or in the district court for Laramie county if the violation is reasonably believed to occur in more than one (1) judicial district.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person may file a written complaint with the county clerk regarding any violation of the Election Code by any county or municipal candidate, committee or organization. If the county clerk finds that the complaint has merit and suspects a violation of the Election Code, the county clerk shall refer the complaint to the district attorney for the county in which the candidate resides for investigation and prosecution.
- (c) Complaints that the secretary of state violated the Election Code shall be filed with the attorney general for investigation and prosecution. Complaints that the county clerk violated the Election Code shall be filed with the district attorney for the county for investigation and prosecution.
- (e) A complaint of a violation of W.S. 22-26-102 or 22-26-106 shall be filed with the county clerk for the county in which the elector resides and be investigated by the county sheriff as provided in those sections. If the county clerk or other appropriate official specified in W.S. 22-26-102(e) or 22-26-106(e) fails or refuses for any reason to take action on the elector's complaint, the elector may file a complaint with the Wyoming attorney general.

# Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Wyoming Secretary of State, Elections Division		
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E-mail:	<u>Elections@wyo.gov</u>	
Website:	https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/Default.aspx	
County Clerks:	https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/Docs/ WYCountyClerks.pdf	

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