

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0209

Change in party affiliation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blackburn, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Hallinan, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, Miller, Piiparinen, Salazar, Stith, Styvar and Washut and Senator(s) Biteman, Driskill and Steinmetz

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. 22-5-212 and 22-5-214 are amended to
8 read:

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10 **22-5-212. When declaration of party affiliation**
11 **required.**

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13 An elector requesting a major party ballot must declare his
14 party affiliation, or sign an application for change of

1 affiliation in accordance with W.S. 22-5-214, before he may
2 receive a party ballot. An elector may vote only the
3 nonpartisan ballot and if so, is not required to declare
4 his party affiliation. Requesting a partisan primary
5 election ballot constitutes a declaration of party
6 affiliation. A change in declaration of party affiliation
7 shall conform to W.S. 22-5-214 and be entered on the poll
8 list by the election judge.

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10 **22-5-214. Change in party affiliation.**

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12 (a) An elector may change his party affiliation,
13 except as otherwise specified in subsection (b) of this
14 section, by completing an application signed before a
15 notarial officer or election official and filing it with
16 the county clerk not less than fourteen (14) days before
17 the primary election or at the polls on the day of the
18 primary or general election, or when requesting an absentee
19 ballot.

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21 (b) An elector may change his party affiliation from
22 one (1) major political party to another major political
23 party by completing an application signed before a notarial

1 officer or election official, and filing it with the county
2 clerk not less than fourteen (14) days before the primary
3 election or at the polls on the day of the ~~primary or~~
4 general election, or when requesting an absentee ballot.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2021.

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