

SENATE FILE NO. SF0030

Initiative review process.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; modifying procedures relating
2 to the submission, review and approval of statewide
3 initiative petitions; and 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. 22-24-304(b) and (c) and
8 22-24-308(a)(i) are amended to read:

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10 **22-24-304. Requirements as to proposed bill.**

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12 (b) In an initiative, concurrently with the filing of
13 the application, the proposed bill shall be submitted by
14 the committee of applicants to the secretary of state for
15 review and comment. The proposed bill shall be in the
16 format required for bills by W.S. 8-1-105. If the

1 secretary of state determines that the proposed bill is not
2 in the format required, he shall provide the committee of
3 applicants a copy of W.S. 8-1-105 and an example bill
4 meeting the format, and shall request the committee revise
5 and resubmit the proposed bill. Upon request of the
6 secretary of state, the legislative service office or any
7 agency in the executive department shall render assistance
8 in reviewing and preparing comments on the proposed bill.
9 No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of
10 submission, at a conference scheduled by the secretary of
11 state, the secretary shall render to the committee of
12 applicants comments on any problems encountered concerning
13 the format or contents of the proposed bill. If the
14 legislature is in session at the time the conference would
15 otherwise be required to be held, then the conference shall
16 be held within ten (10) days after the adjournment of the
17 session. The comments shall not be disclosed prior to the
18 conference with the committee of applicants but, at such
19 time as the application is certified, the comments shall
20 become a public record. After the conference but before
21 certification the committee of applicants may amend the
22 proposed bill in response to some or all of the comments of
23 the secretary of state and resubmit the proposed bill in

1 accordance with this subsection, or they may disregard the
2 comments entirely. The committee of applicants shall notify
3 the secretary of state in writing within five (5) calendar
4 days after the conference whether the proposed bill will be
5 amended. If the proposed bill is to be amended it shall be
6 resubmitted for review and comment in accordance with this
7 subsection. At any time the committee of applicants chooses
8 not to amend or further amend a proposed bill, the
9 committee of applicants may submit the proposed bill to the
10 secretary of state for certification.

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12 (c) No later than thirty (30) days after a proposed
13 bill is submitted for certification, the committee of
14 applicants shall submit to the secretary of state the
15 names, signatures, addresses and the date of signing of one
16 hundred (100) qualified registered voters who will act as
17 sponsors supporting the application and proposed bill in
18 their final form. The committee of applicants may act as
19 sponsors if duly qualified. The thirty (30) day
20 requirement of this subsection shall be extended by the
21 number of days any conference under subsection (b) of this
22 section is delayed as a result of abatement of the
23 conference during a legislative session.

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2 **22-24-308. Grounds for denying certification of**
3 **initiative application.**

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5 (a) The secretary of state shall deny final
6 certification of an initiative application if he determines
7 that:

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9 (i) The proposed bill to be initiated is not in
10 the required form, including the requirements of W.S.
11 8-1-105;

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2016.

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