

A Resolution Enhancing Election Integrity and Uniform Voting Standards in Wyoming

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming has a compelling governmental interest in preserving the integrity, security, and public confidence in its elections; and

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are fundamental to the preservation of constitutional government and the protection of citizens' rights; and

WHEREAS, uniform, transparent, and verifiable voting procedures strengthen public trust and reduce the risk of administrative error, fraud, and chain-of-custody vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, in-person voting conducted on Election Day under direct supervision provides the highest degree of ballot security and accountability; and

WHEREAS, absentee voting constitutes a statutory accommodation for electors who are demonstrably unable to appear in person and therefore should be narrowly tailored to serve legitimate hardship circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the State must comply with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and all other applicable federal laws protecting military and overseas voters; and

WHEREAS, verification of voter identity and eligibility is essential to ensuring that only qualified United States citizens participate in Wyoming elections;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Legislature of the State of Wyoming is urged to enact legislation, and if necessary propose amendments to the Wyoming Constitution, to implement the following:

Section 1. Primary Method of Voting

Establish Election Day, in-person voting as the primary and preferred method of voting in all statewide, county, and municipal elections.

Require voting to occur on watermarked security paper ballots designed with anti-counterfeiting features.

Require ballots to be hand-counted under bipartisan oversight at the precinct level on Election Day, with results publicly posted prior to transfer.

Prohibit the use of electronic vote tabulation machines except where federally mandated for accessibility compliance.

Section 2. Prohibition of Unsecured Ballot Collection

Prohibit unattended ballot drop boxes.

Require all ballots to remain under documented chain-of-custody procedures from issuance through final certification.

Section 3. Limited Absentee Voting Based on Demonstrated Hardship

Limit absentee voting to qualified electors who demonstrate a substantial inability to vote in person on Election Day due to one of the following circumstances:

- a. Active-duty uniformed service or qualifying overseas status under federal law;
- b. Temporary or permanent physical illness, injury, hospitalization, or medically certified incapacity;
- c. Court-ordered obligation, including jury service;
- d. Employment assignment requiring absence from the county during all polling hours on Election Day;
- e. Religious observance that substantially conflicts with polling hours.

Require each absentee applicant to:

- a. Submit a sworn affidavit under penalty of perjury stating the qualifying hardship;
- b. Provide supporting documentation reasonably related to the hardship claimed;
- c. Submit the application by a statutory deadline sufficient to allow verification.

Require election officials to:

- a. Review and verify eligibility prior to issuing a ballot;
- b. Serialize and track all absentee ballots issued and returned;
- c. Maintain written chain-of-custody logs at every stage;
- d. Reconcile all issued, returned, and counted absentee ballots prior to certification.

Provide that knowingly submitting materially false information to obtain an absentee ballot constitutes election fraud punishable under Wyoming law.

Ensure full compliance with UOCAVA and all applicable federal statutes.

Section 4. Provisional Ballots and Registration Verification

Require ballots cast by Election Day registrants to be designated as Provisional Ballots. Prohibit certification of election results by any county or by the State until all Election Day registrants have been entered into the official statewide voter registration system and verified as eligible.

Section 5. Proof of Citizenship and Identification

Require presentation of documentary proof of United States citizenship as a condition of voting.

Acceptable documentation shall include:

- a. A Real ID-compliant Wyoming driver's license or identification card; or
- b. A valid United States passport.

Require that identification presented contain security features sufficient to verify authenticity.

Apply identification requirements uniformly to all voters, subject only to federal law requirements.

Section 6. Severability

If any provision of legislation enacted pursuant to this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted by the Lincoln County Republican Party Convention, March 7, 2026.

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