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VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS**1) Where can voter registration forms be obtained?**

The Wyoming voter registration form can be accessed online at the Wyoming Secretary of State website at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Forms/Elections/General/vrapp.pdf>. Voter registration forms are also available at the office of the county clerk or town clerk and, on Election Day, at the place of polling. Wyoming does not offer voter registration in connection with obtaining a driver's license.

2) Are there restrictions on registering to vote using a photocopied voter registration form?

No. According to elections officials in the Secretary of State's office, Wyoming has no laws prohibiting individuals or groups from copying blank or completed voter registration applications before they are submitted.

3) Are there restrictions on the use of the National Voter Registration Form?

Yes. According to the office of the Wyoming Elections Officer, Wyoming currently cannot accept the National Voter Registration Form because the voter registration oath required by state law differs from the oath required by the national registration form.

4) Are there restrictions regarding the use of registration form information?

Yes. Voter registry lists are available for political purposes only and are not available for commercial use. Registry lists contain various information as to each registered voter, including; name, residence by street number and name, date of birth, party affiliation, and Wyoming driver's license number. A copy of the registry list for each precinct is publicly posted at the country courthouse. Political candidates, campaign committees, elected officials, political action committees, and organizations which promote voter participation may obtain registry lists for all precincts from the secretary of state. County clerks may elect to furnish registry lists, but if the lists are made available they must be available to all on an equal basis.

5) Are there restrictions regarding pre-filling information on registration forms?

No. According to the office of the Elections Officer, Wyoming law does not place restrictions on how the information on a voter registration form is filled out, as long as the form is signed and returned by the individual applicant.

COMPLETING VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS

6) How long must you live in a county before you are eligible to register to vote?

To register to vote in Wyoming, a person must be a bona fide resident of Wyoming. “Residence” is the “place where a person has a current habitation and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning.” The definition does not require that a person reside in the state for a specific period of time to be considered a bona fide resident. However, when registering to vote, an applicant must provide the date he became a resident of the county in which he is registering.

7) Are there any restrictions on registering to vote using a P.O. Box, college campus, or dorm address?

To register to vote in Wyoming, a person must provide his current residence address, or, if living temporarily in another state or nation, his last residence address in Wyoming. He must also provide his postal address if different from his residence address. A person cannot register using only a P.O. Box address, because this is not his residence address. A person may register using a college campus or dorm address if it qualifies as his residence address. See **Question 6**.

8) If I enter or leave the state because of work or school, can I register to vote?

A person does not become a Wyoming resident merely by reason of his presence in the state as a student at an institution of higher learning. Thus, an out-of-state student may not be able to register to vote using his college address unless he can establish that it meets the definition of residence (see **Question 6**).

9) Are there any identification requirements to register to vote?

Yes. A voter registration applicant must provide acceptable identification as part of the applicant’s voter registration oath form. “Acceptable identification” means the identification documents specified by the Secretary of State as adequate proof of the identity of a voter. There are three options for identification:

- 1) A Wyoming driver’s license (preferred);
- 2) A driver’s license from another state; or
- 3) Any two of the following: certification of U.S. Citizenship; Certificate of Naturalization; Draft Record; voter registration card from another state or county; original or certified copy of a birth certificate bearing an official seal; certification of birth abroad issued by the Department of State; or any other form of identification issued by an official agency.

An applicant must provide his Wyoming driver’s license if he has one when registering to vote; if not, he must provide the last four digits of his social security number. If the applicant has neither a driver’s license nor a Social Security number, he must submit a statement to that effect when registering.

10) Are there any identification requirements in order to vote?

If a person is voting in person or by mail, no identification is required in order to vote if he registered in person or registered by mail and previously voted in a Wyoming federal election. If a person registered by mail and is voting in person in his first Wyoming federal election, he must provide a current, valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document which shows his name and address. If a person registered by mail and is voting by mail in his first Wyoming federal election, he must submit with his absentee ballot a copy of a current, valid photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document which shows his name and address.

11) What are the rules regarding missing or illegible information on registration forms?

A person cannot be registered to vote without completing a voter registration oath form. The applicant must provide his full name, current residence address or last residence address in Wyoming, postal address if different from residence address, date of birth, acceptable identification, Wyoming driver's license number or last four digits of Social Security number, political party affiliation, if any, and the date he became a county resident. If any information is missing, the applicant will be contacted to provide the information.

12) Can a person whose name has changed since registering vote on Election Day?

Yes. A registered elector who legally changes his name after registering to vote under his prior name must notify the county clerk of the name change. According to the office of the Elections Officer, if this notification has not been made prior to election day, a change of information form can be completed at the polls on election day and the person submitting the form may vote after completing the form.

REGISTERING OTHERS TO VOTE

13) What are the laws regarding third-party registration?

According to election officials, Wyoming does not allow third-party registration or voter registration drives. The individual voter must register either in person at the office of the county clerk, by mail, or at the polls on Election Day.

14) Are there any laws regarding submission of voter registration forms by individuals receiving compensation?

See **Question 13**.

15) Is training required for voter registration drives?

See **Question 13**.

16) Are volunteers or staff of voter registration drives required to be county or state residents?

See **Question 13**.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

17) What is the deadline to register to vote?

Wyoming requires voters registering prior to an election to register not less than thirty days before the election. For the 2008 general election, voter registration closes on Monday, October 6, 2008. If a voter misses the registration deadline, he may still vote by registering on Election Day. A voter may register at his proper place of polling on Election Day. See **Question 19**. A voter may also register during the 30 day period prior to Election Day if the voter registration application is accompanied by an absentee ballot request. See **Question 20**.

18) Is the registration form submission deadline different from the voter registration deadline?

No. According to the office of the Elections Officer, an applicant who submits his registration form on the day of the voter registration deadline has met the deadline. A form is submitted when it is returned to or received by mail by the county clerk.

19) Is Election Day registration allowed?

Yes. A person may register at the polls for the purpose of voting. If the information on the voter registration oath form is successfully verified, the voter shall continue to be registered. If the information cannot be verified, the voter's registration shall be revoked. If a person attempting to register on Election Day cannot provide the proof required to register, the person may vote by provisional ballot. The voter must present the required documentation to the county clerk establishing his eligibility to register and vote in the precinct by the close of business on the day following the election to have his vote counted.

20) Does state election law allow for early or absentee voting?

Yes. Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. There is no distinction between early voting and absentee voting in Wyoming because all registered voters are permitted to vote by absentee ballot before Election Day. A voter may request an absentee ballot from his county clerk in person, in writing, or by telephone. The request may be made at any time during the calendar year in which the election is held, but not on the day of the election. A completed absentee ballot must be mailed or delivered to the county clerk before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. If an applicant fails to register to vote not less than thirty days before an election, he may still submit a voter registration oath form to the county clerk accompanied by an absentee ballot request, and then vote by absentee ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION LEGISLATION

21) Is there any pending legislation that affects voter registration? If so, where is it in the legislative process?

No. Currently, there is no pending legislation that would substantively affect Wyoming voter registration.

22) What applicable statutes are possibly affected?

See answer to **Question 21**.

23) Are there any helpful elections official contacts?

For questions about where to go to vote, whether you are registered to vote, or to request an absentee ballot, contact your county clerk. A list of county clerks is available at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/CountyClerks.aspx>. For other information related to elections in Wyoming, contact the Elections Officer by calling (307) 777-7186 or emailing elections@state.wy.us.

24) What web resources are available?

The Wyoming Secretary of State website contains information on registering to vote. <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/VoterReg.aspx>.

Another resource is the National Campaign for Fair Elections. <http://www.nationalcampaignforfairelections.org/pages/wyoming>.