

SENATE FILE NO. SF0080

Contesting presidential elections.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political  
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to presidential electors; limiting election  
2 contests of the offices of president and vice-president of  
3 the United States and Wyoming presidential electors as  
4 specified; clarifying that contests of presidential  
5 electors shall be resolved by the Wyoming legislature; and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-17-114 is created to read:

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12 **22-17-114. Contesting election of president, vice-**  
13 **president or presidential elector.**

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15 The election of a United States president and vice-  
16 president candidate, or presidential elector, shall only be

1 contested, presented to and tried before the Wyoming  
2 legislature under joint rules of the house of  
3 representatives and senate. Such a contest may be initiated  
4 by a Wyoming elector by filing notice with the legislature  
5 through the legislative service office no later than five  
6 (5) days after the election is certified by the state  
7 canvassing board. The contest shall only be brought on the  
8 grounds provided by W.S. 22-17-101(a)(i) or (iv). A  
9 determination of the contest by the legislature is final  
10 and conclusive and is not subject to judicial review.

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 22-17-101(a)(intro) and  
13 22-17-102(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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15 **22-17-101. Right to contest elections; exception;**  
16 **grounds.**

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18 (a) A qualified elector may contest the right of a  
19 person declared elected to an office in the elector's  
20 county, municipality, district or precinct, other than the  
21 office of state legislator, United States president and  
22 vice-president and presidential elector, on the following  
23 grounds:

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1           **22-17-102. Commencement by verified petition;**  
2 **contents.**

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4           (a) Election contests for all primary election  
5 offices and all general election offices other than state  
6 legislators, United States president and vice-president and  
7 presidential elector, may be commenced by the contestant  
8 filing with the clerk of the district court of the county,  
9 within fourteen (14) days after the results of the election  
10 have been certified by the canvassing board, a verified  
11 petition setting forth specifically:

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13           **Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2003.

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