

ENROLLED ACT NO. 45, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to absentee voting; providing for absentee voting at a public building; providing conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-9-125, 22-26-113 and 22-26-114 are amended to read:

22-9-125. Alternate procedures for collecting and counting absentee ballots.

(a) The board of county commissioners may elect to adopt one (1) or both of the following alternate procedures for casting, collecting and counting absentee ballots:

(i) Direct that absentee ballots shall be delivered to and counted by at least three (3) judges appointed for that purpose under W.S. 22-8-107 instead of the procedures specified in this chapter for the delivery of absentee ballots to the separate precincts or designated counting centers. However, if this alternate procedure is used, the judges shall record the results by precinct and shall immediately certify the results to the secretary of state and the county clerk;

(ii) Direct that an absentee polling place may be established in the courthouse or other public building which is equipped to accommodate voters from all districts and precincts within the county and shall be open the same hours as the courthouse on normal business days during the time period allowed for absentee voting.

(b) In the case of electronic voting systems using ~~this~~ either alternate procedure provided in subsection (a)

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of this section, the ballots shall be counted may be tabulated automatically and the ballot counts shall be entered at the designated counting center at the time the polls close on election day.

(c) If either alternate voting procedure provided in subsection (a) of this section is sought to be used, the secretary of state is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to guard against abuses of the elective franchise to include such matters as contained in W.S. 22-26-113 through 22-26-115.

22-26-113. Electioneering too close to a polling place.

Electioneering too close to a polling place on election day, or absentee polling place under W.S. 22-9-125, consists of any form of campaigning, including the display of campaign signs or distribution of campaign literature, the soliciting of signatures to any petition or the canvassing or polling of voters, except exit polling by news media, within one hundred (100) yards of the building in which the polling place is located.

22-26-114. Disturbing polling place.

Disturbing a polling place consists of creating any disorder or disruption at a polling place on election day, or absentee polling place under W.S. 22-9-125, or interfering with the orderly conduct of an election.

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Section 2. This act is effective April 1, 2006.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk