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# 2016



## WYOMING VOTER'S GUIDE

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## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### **IT'S EASY TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

You may register and vote at your polling place on Election Day. You may also register to vote in person at the County Clerk's office or by mail not less than (14) days before an election. The voter registration application may be found on the Secretary of State's website at: http://soswy.state.wy.us/Forms/Elections/General/VoterReg istrationForm.pdf

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

- ☑ Citizen of the United States
- ☑ 18 years of age by General Election Day
- ☑ Resident of the State of Wyoming
- ☑ Not currently adjudicated mentally incompetent
- ☑ Not been convicted of a felony, or have had voting rights restored

#### **KEEP YOUR REGISTRATION CURRENT**

•You are already registered to vote in 2016 if you voted in Wyoming's 2014 General Election.

If you did not vote in the 2014 General Election you should verify your registration with your County Clerk.
If you moved to a different Wyoming county, you must now register in that county.

•If you have moved within your county or changed your name since the 2014 Election you must notify your County Clerk.

•If you have questions about the status of your registration, contact your County Clerk.

#### **RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS**

If you have been convicted of a felony you may request to have your voting rights restored. Contact the Wyoming Department of Corrections at (307) 777-5983, or visit their website at: <u>http://corrections.wy.gov/info-for-offenders/restoration.html</u>

#### QUESTIONS ON REGISTERING TO VOTE

Contact your County Clerk's office. (Contact information for all 23 County Clerks is located in this pamphlet.)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **VOTING ABSENTEE**

If you are a registered voter, you may request an absentee ballot at any time during the calendar year in which the election is held but *not* on the day of the election. Absentee voting begins, and ballots are distributed, as early as 45 days before the election.

To request an absentee ballot, contact your County Clerk. You will need to provide your full name, residence address, mailing address, and date of birth. Remember to ensure that your absentee ballot is returned to your County Clerk's office by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

#### **ID REQUIREMENTS**

In Wyoming, the easiest way to register to vote is with a valid Wyoming Driver's License. When casting an absentee ballot please provide a copy of your license. However, if you do not have a Wyoming Driver's License, that doesn't mean you can't vote in Wyoming. Please contact your County Clerk and they will provide you with the information you need to register and cast your vote.

#### **VOTING ASSISTANCE**

If you or someone you know is disabled, they may receive assistance with filling in the ballot from a person of their choice. If you or someone you know is unable to understand English, they may receive assistance with filling in the ballot from a person of their choice. Please contact your County Clerk with any questions about polling place accessibility.

#### FILLING OUT YOUR BALLOT

You do not have to cast a vote in every race that appears on the ballot. You may cast a write-in vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Proposed Constitutional Amendments appear only on the General Election Ballot. In order to pass, an amendment must be approved by a majority of those voting in the General Election. Therefore, **if you do not cast a vote on a proposed amendment, the result is the same as a vote** *against* **the issue.** 

#### SAMPLE BALLOTS

Sample ballots are published in local newspapers and are available at your County Clerk's office.

## **COUNTY CLERKS**

#### ALBANY COUNTY CLERK

Jackie R. Gonzales Phone: (307) 721-2541 E-mail: jgonzales@co.albany.wy.us Web: http://www.co.albany.wy.us

#### **BIG HORN COUNTY CLERK**

Lori Smallwood Phone: (307) 568-2357 E-mail: <u>lori.smallwood@bighorncountywy.gov</u> Web: <u>http://www.bighorncountywy.gov/</u>

#### CAMPBELL COUNTY CLERK

Susan Saunders Phone: (307) 682-7285 E-mail: <u>sfs02@ccgov.net</u> Web: <u>https://www.ccgov.net/163/County-Clerk</u>

#### CARBON COUNTY CLERK

Gwynn Bartlett Phone: (307) 328-2668 E-mail: <u>gwynnbartlett@carbonwy.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.carbonwy.com/countyclerk.html</u>

#### **CONVERSE COUNTY CLERK**

Lucile K. Taylor Phone: (307) 358-2244 E-mail: <u>lucile.taylor@conversecountywy.gov</u> Web: <u>http://conversecounty.org</u>

#### **CROOK COUNTY CLERK**

Linda Fritz Phone: (307) 283-1323 E-mail: <u>lindaF@crookcounty.wy.gov</u> Web: <u>http://www.crookcounty.wy.gov/</u>

#### FREMONT COUNTY CLERK

Julie Freese Phone: (307) 332-2405 E-mail: julie.freese@fremontcountywy.gov Web: http://fremontcountywy.org/

#### **GOSHEN COUNTY CLERK**

Cindy Kenyon Phone: (307) 532-4051 E-mail: <u>ckenyon@goshencounty.org</u> Web: <u>http://www.goshencounty.org/index.php/clerk</u>

#### HOT SPRINGS COUNTY CLERK

Nina Webber Phone: (307) 864-3515 E-mail: <u>ninaw@hscounty.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.hscounty.com</u>

#### JOHNSON COUNTY CLERK

Vicki Edelman Phone: (307) 684-7272 E-mail: <u>clerk@johnsoncowy.us</u> Web: <u>http://www.johnsoncountywyoming.org/</u>

#### LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK

Debra LeePhone: (307) 633-4268E-mail: dlee@laramiecountyclerk.comWeb: http://www.laramiecountyclerk.com

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#### LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

Jeanne Wagner Phone: (307) 877-9056, ext 303 E-mail: jwagner@lcwy.org Web: http://www.lcwy.org NATRONA COUNTY CLERK

Renea Vitto Phone: (307) 235-9217 E-mail: <u>rvitto@natronacounty-wy.gov</u> Web: <u>http://www.natrona.net</u>

#### NIOBRARA COUNTY CLERK

Becky Freeman Phone: (307) 334-2211 E-mail: <u>niocc@qwestoffice.net</u> Web: http://niobraracounty.org/

#### PARK COUNTY CLERK

Colleen Renner Phone: (307) 527-8600 E-mail: <u>CRenner@parkcounty.us</u> Web: <u>http://www.parkcounty.us/countyclerk/clerk</u>

#### PLATTE COUNTY CLERK

Chris Kanwischer Phone: (307) 322-2315 E-mail: <u>pcclerk@plattecountywyoming.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.plattecountywyoming.com</u>/

#### SHERIDAN COUNTY CLERK

Eda Schunk Thompson Phone: (307) 674-2500 E-mail: <u>clerk@sheridancounty.com</u> Web: http://www.sheridancounty.com

#### SUBLETTE COUNTY CLERK

Mary Lankford Phone: (307) 367-4372 E-mail: <u>maryl@sublettewyo.com</u> Web: <u>http://www.sublettewyo.com</u>

#### SWEETWATER COUNTY CLERK

Dale DavisPhone: (307) 872-3732E-mail: davisd@sweet.wy.usWeb: http://www.sweet.wy.us/

#### TETON COUNTY CLERK

Sherry L. Daigle Phone: (307) 733-4430 E-mail: sdaigle@tetonwyo.org Web: http://www.tetonwyo.org/

#### UINTA COUNTY CLERK

Lana Wilcox Phone: (307) 783-0306 E-mail: <u>lawilcox@uintacounty.com</u> Web: http://www.uintacounty.com/

#### WASHAKIE COUNTY CLERK

Mary Grace StrauchPhone: (307) 347-3131E-mail: clerk@washakiecounty.netWeb: http://www.washakiecounty.net/

#### WESTON COUNTY CLERK

Shawnda Morrison (acting) Phone: (307) 746-4744 E-mail: <u>shawnda@westongov.com</u> Web: <u>http://westongov.com/</u>

## 2016 OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- U.S. President and Vice-President
- U.S. Representative
- Wyoming Supreme Court (retention)
- Wyoming State Senate
   (Even Numbered Districts)
- Wyoming State House (All Districts)
- Judicial Offices (retention)
- County Offices
- Municipal Offices
- School Board members
- Community College Trustees

## 2016 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### **Constitutional Amendment A:**

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution allows the legislature to authorize the investment of public employee retirement systems funds and permanent state funds in equities, such as stock or shares in private or public companies. Permanent funds of the state include funds designated as permanent funds by the Constitution. The Wyoming Constitution does not allow the state to invest any other funds in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the legislature, by two-thirds vote of the members of both houses, to authorize the investment of additional specified state funds in equities.

🔘 AGAINST

### **TO HELP FIND YOUR**

### **POLLING PLACE:**

Polling place locations are available on our website at <u>soswy.state.wy.us</u>, or you can contact your County Clerk!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

My Fellow Voters,

Voting is one of the most sacred, important, and exciting rights we have as citizens of the United States of



America. I believe we will see record setting voter turnout in 2016 as people across Wyoming make their voices heard! I hope that this guide helps to answer your questions, but always feel free to reach out to us if you have others.

A government *for* the people and *by* the people is only possible if you cast a vote. As a free and democratic people, let's get out to vote and exercise that incredible right which continues to define us as citizens. By casting a vote, you will determine the future of both the Great State of Wyoming and of our Nation.

With my best regards, Ed Murray Secretary of State

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

Wyoming law requires that employees be given one hour off to vote on Election Day. However, there are some exceptions. The law does not apply to employees with three or more consecutive non-working hours during the time polls are open, and some federal agencies are exempt. (W.S. 22-2-111)