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Secretary of State's Office Releases Data on Party Affiliation Changes

CHEYENNE, WY – The Wyoming Secretary of State's Office today released data on the number of persons who changed their party affiliation on their voter registration in the weeks before or on the date of the 2018 Primary Election - August 21st.

12,509 persons in total changed their party affiliation between July 6th and September 20th:

- 6,057 Democrats changed and registered as Republicans;
- 4,355 Unaffiliated persons changed and registered as Republicans;
- 744 Unaffiliated persons changed and registered as Democrats;
- 477 members of the Constitution and Libertarian parties changed and registered as Republicans;
- 430 Republicans changed and registered as Democrats; and
- 296 persons of various parties changed and registered as Unaffiliated.

Of those 12,509 persons who changed their party affiliation, 701 subsequently changed their party affiliation again and re-registered back to their original 2018 party affiliation.

A person is allowed under Wyoming law to change their party registration. Party changes are entered into Wyoming's voter registration system by county clerks and their staff. County clerks have until 30 days after an election to enter registration changes into the statewide database.

"It is absolutely vital that anyone analyzing these party change numbers understand that these numbers are tied to a person's voter registration and do not represent total ballots cast in the election, and that these numbers do not indicate for whom a person voted," said State Election Director Kai Schon.

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~ Wyoming Secretary of State's Office ~

2018 Primary Election: Party Affiliation Changes to Voter Registrations														
County	D→R	D→R→D	U→R	U→R→U	C→R	L→R	U→D	U→D→U	R→D	R→D→R	D→U	R→U	Other	Total Changes
Albany	611	12	358	3	6	30	91	1	52	1	8	9	3	1,185
Big Horn	25	24	68	2	11	4	2	1	11	0	1	1	4	154
Campbell	95	7	222	0	5	26	14	0	9	0	1	3	1	383
Carbon	125	32	150	8	1	12	22	2	11	0	7	18	3	391
Converse	63	0	55	2	8	3	6	0	9	0	0	2		148
Crook	24	8	33	2	4	1	4	0	2	0	2	3	1	84
Fremont	367	10	264	0	12	23	61	0	24	1	7	6	3	778
Goshen	115	4	130	0	2	14	10	0	7	0	2	1	3	288
Hot Springs	47	12	52	1	3	3	5	0	3	1	1	3	2	133
Johnson	76	3	98	0	6	8	8	0	6	0	0	3	0	208
Laramie	997	279	789	89	24	52	127	7	48	3	7	22	28	2,472
Lincoln	81	12	140	2	3	6	13	1	6	0	1	4	2	271
Natrona	800	18	611	9	24	49	69	0	38	0	11	8	7	1,644
Niobrara	12	1	26	0	1	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	48
Park	155	15	195	4	6	11	28	0	11	1	4	8	1	439
Platte	44	7	39	3	6	5	1	2	7	1	4	3	4	126
Sheridan	331	20	277	5	1	23	27	0	18	0	4	5	5	716
Sublette	67	9	58	3	1	6	3	0	3	0	3	2	2	157
Sweetwater	349	6	162	2	5	18	54	0	39	1	10	15	5	666
Teton	957	33	380	11	0	17	157	1	79	7	3	8	9	1,662
Uinta	122	4	138	1	10	10	13	0	16	2	5	4	1	326
Washakie	46	1	48	0	3	4	7	0	9	0	1	0	0	119
Weston	30	1	62	3	1	5	5	0	3	0	0	1	0	111
Totals	5,539	518	4,355	150	143	334	729	15	412	18	82	129	85	12,509
	Dem to Rep	UAF to Rep	Con & Lib to Rep			UAF to Dem	Rep to Dem		Changed to UAF or Other					
	6,057	4,505	477			744	430		296					
12,509 Statewide Party Affiliation Changes														

- The numbers above reflect party affiliation changes to individual voter registration records that occurred between July 6th and September 20th, as entered by Wyoming county clerks and their staff.
- These party changes are tied to a person's voter registration record and *do not* necessarily represent votes or actual ballots cast.
- These data *should not* be construed to indicate the ballot choices of any voter who participated in the 2018 Primary Election.

Key
C/Con = Constitution Party
D/Dem = Democratic Party
L/Lib = Libertarian Party
R/Rep = Republican Party
U/UAF = Unaffiliated