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Secretary Gray Expresses Disagreement with Governor's Veto of Rules to Require Proof of Wyoming Residency to Vote

CHEYENNE, WY – On April 12, 2024, Governor Mark Gordon vetoed amendments to Chapter 2 of the Secretary of State's Election Procedures that would have required acceptable identification for proof of identity, including proof of Wyoming residency, when registering to vote in Wyoming, as well as to provide uniformity and clarity concerning providing evidence of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote.

“Wyoming elections should be decided by Wyomingites, NOT illegal immigrants,” Secretary of State Chuck Gray said. “Governor Gordon’s veto makes it easier for illegal aliens and non-residents to illegally vote, which is deeply disturbing.”

“Wyoming statute not only allows for the rule, but actually calls for it. W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xxvii) expressly defines the registration process as requiring ‘verification of the name and voter information of a qualified elector.’ The rule provided for a process to verify an individual’s attestation that they are a resident of Wyoming. And it also fulfilled the statutory requirement that no person would be allowed to register to vote if their identification contains any indication that they are not a U.S. citizen.”

“I am especially troubled by the Governor’s adoption of the radical left’s argument that Wyoming has no real cases of voter fraud to address. As I indicated during our meeting with the Governor, our office has worked with county clerks on this very issue just last year, cancelling a registration of an illegal alien in Campbell County who illegally voted in the 2020 election. Every vote by an illegal alien disenfranchises the vote of Wyoming residents. These rules were a commonsense solution to stopping voter fraud in Wyoming.”

“These rules undertook a thorough vetting process, and received overwhelming support from the people of Wyoming during the public comment period. They should have been signed. I will continue to fight for election integrity measures to protect and improve our elections.”

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