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# WYOMING GUIDELINES



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Secretary of State May 1981



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PAPER BALLOTS, VOTING MACHINES, AND PUNCH CARDS.

The following guidelines are for those Counties that use PUNCF. CARD VOTING.



IN THE INTEREST OF PROVIDING UNIFORMITY AND TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION PROCESS, WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES. . . . . .

#### BALLOT FORMAT

The foremost point to remember is that as nearly as possible, the ballot format for punch card voting must fulfill the requirements for ballots as described in *Chapter 6* of the Election Code.

BALLOT LABEL (the booklet or guide) . . . Print instructions, names of offices, candidates and questions to be voted on and election title on ballot labels.

BALLCT CARD (the computer card) . . . Election instructions and the name of the election need not be printed on the Ballot Card. This will enable you to use the unused ballot cards for more than one election. Of course, a ballot card that has been pre-punched for a specific election cannot be used for any other election.

A RUBBER STAMP . . . should be used by the election boards to identify each ballot cand as it is given to the voter.



Even though the statutes make allowances for modifying the ballot to facilitate the use of an electronic voting system, it is imperative that the format remain uniform in each of the counties that use the punch card voting system.



we suggest the following heading on the stub:

FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS--the whole ballot card should be:

WHITE -- for Republican voters BLUE -- for Democrat voters YELLOW-- for only Non-Partisan issues.

BALLOT ENVELOPES - for Primary Elections should also be color-coded to match the ballot so that there will be no confusion in determining the intended party of the write-in vote.

DEMONSTRATION BALLOT CARDS and SAMPLE BALLOTSshall be a different color than the official ballot. Wyoming's elections officers have traditionally used PINK as the sample ballot color. <u>YELLOW should NOT</u> be used as a demonstration card or sample ballot color, as it is an official ballot color.

GREEN - is to be used only in the event that a third party is formed.

### HAVE YOUR PRINTER USE A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION WHEN PREPARING BALLOTS.

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Inform your printer that the law requires you to have the ballots in your possession no later than 25 days before an election.



The law requires you to <u>post</u> a copy of each ballot in your office no later that <u>25</u> days prior to an election, to allow for public inspection.  $(W.S.22-6-107 \in 108)$ 

Each polling place shall have as many ballots as there are registered voters, plus 25%.



#### PUBLISH BALLOT

W. S. 22-6-105 requires publication of the official ballot <u>at least once</u> within 2 weeks prior to each Election. The notice must also notify the public that rotation of names is required and that candidates names will not always appear in the same order on the ballot, precinct by precinct.

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ADDITIONAL NAME	34 ->	NAME ADDITIONAL NAME	188 -> 190 ->
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Facsimile diagrams of the voting equipment and instructions on how to use the equipment must also be published.



## Publish PRECINCT POLLING PLACES

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#### FRONT PAGE OF BALLOT

(Instruction Page)

#### PUNCH OUT BALLOT CARD ONLY WITH PUNCHING DEVICE ATTACHED TO VOTOMATIC; NEVER WITH PEN OR PENCIL.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballots, PUNCH, ballot card in the hole to the right of that candidate. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the title of the office and his name in the blank space provided on the WRITE-IN ballot envelope.

All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

If you wrongly punch, tear or deface the ballot card, or tear or deface the write-in envelope, return it to the Judge of Election and obtain another.

\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

District No. \_\_\_\_ Precinct No. \_\_\_\_

TO START YOUR VOTING GO TO NEXT PAGE

(You will not need to print the <u>Election</u> <u>District and Precinct</u> on each separate page of the ballot if you print it on the FRONT PAGE, as indicated above)

#### PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS

#### PARTISAN PRIMARY W.S.22-6-117

U. S. Senator Representative in Congress Governor Secretary of State State Auditor State Treasurer Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidates for State Senate elected from districts larger than a county Other Candidates for State Senate Candidates for State House of Representatives District Attorney County Commissioner County Coroner County Attorney County Sheriff County Clerk County Treasurer County Assessor Clerk of the District Court Candidates for Precinct Offices

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#### NONPARTISAN PRIMARY W.S.22-6-125

Justice of the Peace Any County-Wide Ballot Propositions School and/or Community College Trustees Hospital District Trustees Municipal Offices Municipal Ballot Propositions Any other Ballot Proposition

BALLOT LABEL COLORS

Print PARTISAN offices on white paper for Republican offices, and <u>blue paper</u> for Democratic offices.

Print NONPARTISAN offices and ballot propositions on yellow paper.

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\*\*Each ballot format must comply with Chapter 6
of the Election Code.\*\*

Chapter 6 states that the political parties shall be titled as follows:

REPUBLICAN DEMOCRATIC

On all official ballots, the <u>title</u> of an election and the <u>names of each political party</u> shall be printed not less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in height.

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	County	Date			
1	FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE [Here designate term. Regular 4-year term or unexpired term ofyears.]	Vote For One			
	NAME	180 🗪			
	ADDITIONAL NAME	182 ->			
	BALLOT PROPOSITION [ie, Water Bonds, etc.]				
	"BALLOT ISSUE STATEMENT"				
		For 184 🗪 Against 186 🗪			
	SCHOOL DISTRICT #	Vote for not more than [correct #]			
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 	NAME	188 ->			
	NAME ADDITIONAL NAME	188 <b>-&gt;</b> 190 <b>-&gt;</b>			

- -\*- a candidate's professional title and/or degree shall not appear on the ballot.
- -\*- The names of each candidate shall be printed in the same size capital letters not less than 1/8th inch, nor more than 1/4th inch in height.

W.S.22-6-122 requires that names of candidates for each office shall be rotated by precinct for all elections.

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	OFFICIAL MUNICIPA	L PRIMARY BALLOT	
	FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY O (TERM - 2-yr. for incorporate	Vote d town - 4-yr. for 1st	For One class city)
	NAME	46	
	ADDITIONAL NAME	52	
	FOR COUNCILMAN# \ ( 4-year TERM)	WARN±±	for not more rrect number)
	NAME	66	
	ADDITIONAL NAME	68	
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W.S.22-23-303 requires that in a municipal primary election, a person may vote for not more than the number to be elected.

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#### GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS

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#### PARTISAN GENERAL W.S.22-6-117

President and Vice-President (The names of the presidential electors shall appear in the election proclamation, but not on the ballot) U. S. Senator Representative in Congress Governor Secretary of State State Auditor State Treasurer Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidates for State Senate elected from districts larger than a county Other Candidates for State Senate Candidates for State House of Representatives District Attorney County Commissioner County Coroner County Attorney County Sheriff County Clerk County Treasurer County Assessor Clerk of the District Court

#### NONPARTISAN GENERAL W.S.22-6-125

Retention of Justices of the Supreme Court Retention of District Court Judges Retention of County Court Judges Justice of the Peace Constitutional Amendments Initiative Propositions Referendum Propositions Any County-Wide Ballot Proposition (Sales Tax, etc.) Soil Conservation District and other District Elections Municipal Offices Municipal Ballot Propositions Other Ballot Propositions

BALLOT LABEL COLORS

Ballot labels for General Elections shall be printed on white paper,

with the exception of Non-Partisan offices and ballot propositions, which shall be printed on yellow paper.

	OFFICIAL PARTISAN ELECTION BALLOT
p a g f	GENERAL ELECTION
e ∦	County Date
	FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (4 year term) VOTE FOR ONE PAIR
	REPUBLICAN
	DEMOCRATIC
	INDEPENDENT

<u>POLITICAL PARTY ORDER</u> on ballot labels is determined by the number of votes received by each party within the County for the office of Representative in Congress at the last preceding election, according to W.S. 22-6-121.

In Presidential election years, W.S. 22-6-120 (xi) requires that no voter number (square) appear at the top of a column.

TURN PAGE FOR CONTINUED INSTRUCTIONS



PRESIDENT and VICE-PRESIDENT...

The surnames of the presidential and vicepresidential candidates shall be printed on the General Election ballot in BCLDFACE capital letters, not less than 1/8th inch nor more than 1/4th inch in height. The first names shall be printed in the same size capital letter, in LIGHTFACE type. (W.S.22-19-103)

Chapter 6 of the Election Code states that the Political Parties shall be titled as follows:

😰 REPUBLICAN

DEMOCRATIC

If a candidate who is not a Republican or a Democrat qualifies for ballot status by petition, that candidate shall be placed under the heading:

#### INDEPENDENT

If more than one candidate qualifies for the same office, name rotation applies.

A candidates professional title and degree shall not appear on the ballot.

W.S. 22-6-122 requires that names of candidates for each office shall be rotated by precinct for all elections.

W.S. 22-6-127 requires that the names of candidates for non-partisan office shall be rotated in the same manner as partisan candidates.

p a g∦ e	OFFICIAL PARTISAN ELECTION BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION CountyDate
	Here insert instructions as per the Official
	Proclamation received from the Secretary of
	State's Office.
	Shall Justice John Roe be retained in office?
) . }	
   	YES <b>103</b>
	YES <b>103</b> 🍛 NO <b>104</b> 🍛
	(PROPER HEADINGS FOR OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICES)
	FOR JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THEJUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL +tc
-	FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGE <u>Shall</u>
	FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

<u>Constitutional Amendments</u> and Judicial Balloting Instructions shall be printed on the ballot as provided on the Official Proclamation.

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN ELECTI a g g e # County	TION			
OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL GENERAL BA	ALLOT			
Vote For One (TERM - 2-yr. for incorporated town - 4-yr. for 1st class city)				
NAME	46	$\rightarrow$		
ADDITIONAL NAME	52	$\rightarrow$		
FOR COUNCILMAN # WARD # (4-year TERM)		for not more rect numberj		
NAME	66			
ADDITIONAL NAME	68			

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TESTING ELECTRONIC COUNTING SYSTEMS

W. S. 22-11-104

Mail a written notice to the County Chairman

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(and invite representatives of Independent Condidates)

State time and place of the test. The test shall be held at least one (1) week before the election.

The test shall be conducted by processing a pre-audited group of cards on which are recorded a pre-determined number of valid votes for each candidate and each measure.

During the test a different number of valid votes shall be assigned to each candidate for an office and for and against each measure.

> AS A SUGGESTION - - assign 100 ballot cards to each of the political parties present, ..... and have prepared 100 ballot cards by the County Clerk's Staff. Each party will keep track of their own punches. This will give a test deck that will assure each party that their candidates VOTES are being accurately recorded.

After an errorless count is secured and certified to by the County Clerk, the test materials shall be sealed and used for testing before and after ballot counts on election day.

Test materials shall be <u>retained</u> with the used ballots for one year, or until any election contest affecting the ballots has been terminated, and then destroyed along with the ballots without being removed from the sealed container.

THIS MEANS THAT NO TEST DECK CAN BE "SAVED" AND USED AS A TEST DECK FOR ANY OTHER ELECTION.

For those Counties that do not use printed poll books and use printed poll lists as poll books, it is important to remember:

BEFORE THE POLLS OPEN:

The following form must be signed by all judges prior to the opening of the polls:

"I do solmenly swear (or affirm) that I will impartially and to the best of my knowledge and ability perform the duties of my office. I will studiously endeavor to prevent all frauds, deceit and abuse in the application of the election laws of this state." (W.S. 22-8-115)

(All members of COUNTING BOARDS and those assisting at a COUNTING CENTER must also sign the above oath.)

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AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE:

Attach the following form to the precinct lists:

"At an election held in Election District\_\_\_\_\_, Polling Precinct\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_County, Wyoming, on the \_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, A.D., the total number of persons voting was\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Election Judge Election Judge Election Judge

For Primary Elections add this line:

"At a Primary Election (insert county and date) the total number of people voting on the Republican Ticket was\_\_\_\_\_, the number of persons voting on the Democratic Ticket was\_\_\_\_\_, the number of persons voting only non-partisan was\_\_\_\_\_.



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#### ABSTRACTS

Because the counting of ballots is no longer done at a precinct level, the format of the abstract previously used by paper ballot and voting machine precincts that now use punch cards, is now...

#### OBSOLETE!!!

HOWEVER, all of the information that was contained in the old abstract is still required by the Secretary of State in order to prepare a Statewide Abstract for the...

STATE CANVASSING BOARD.

THEREFORE, we have prepared a format for an Abstract that will fulfill the requirements of the Statewide Canvass.

The Secretary of State's Office will prepare the following formats and mail them to your office prior to the PRIMARY and GENERAL elections....



FRIDARI ELECTION ABSTRACT			
19 Primary Election			
	County		
September	, 19		
Total Votes Countywide: Total Republican Votes:			
Total Democratic	Votes:		
Republican	Democratic		
U.S. Senator	U.S. Senator		
U.S. Representative	U.S. Representative		
State Candidates State Candidates			
State Senators	State Senators		
State Representatives	State Representatives		

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#### Include Write-in Votes

State of Wyoming ) County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss:

We, the undersigned, Electors of the County above named, do hereby certify that the election canvass was made in our presence and that the foregoing abstract of the votes is a full, true, and correct copy of the canvass of the returns of all votes cast in the county for the persons herein set forth.

County Clerk

(SEAL)

Canvassing Board Humber

Canvassing Board Member

PLEASE ATTACH THIS ABSTRACT TO YOUR PRECINCT RESULTS AND MAIL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. GENERAL ELECTION ABSTRACT

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#### 19 General Election

\_\_\_\_\_ County

November \_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Total Vores Cast Countywide:\_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Republican</u>	Democrati	c Independent (if any)
President & Vice President	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
U.S. Senator		<u> </u>	
U.S. Representative			
State Candidates			
State Senator			
State Representative	<u></u>		
Nonpartisan			
Supreme Court Justices:	Yes		No
District Court Judge:	Yes		No
Constitutional Amendments:	Yes		No

State of Wyoming ) · County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss:

We, the undersigned, Electors of the County above named, do hereby certify that the election canvass was made in our presence and that the foregoing abstract of the votes is a full, true, and correct copy of the canvass of the returns of all votes cast in the county for the persons and ballot propositions set forth.

County Clerk

(SEAL)

Canvassing Board Member

Canvassing Boar Member

PLEASE ATTACH THIS ABSTRACT TO YOUR PRECINCT RESULTS AND MAIL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. A FINAL NOTE . . .

The Secretary of State is the Chief Elections Officer of the state and is statutorily mandated to maintain uniformity in the applications and operations of the election laws.

Any law applicable under the statutes for elections applies to punch card voting systems, too. No exceptions can be made.

> FOR ASSISTANCE CALL... CAROL PETERA ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE CAPITOL BUILDING CHEYENNE, WYOMING 82002 TELEPHONE: 777-7186

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.