



**SENATE RESOLUTION #3028**

**TITLE:** ASUW Opposes Burdens on a Student's Voting Rights and House Bill 160 (2025)

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 02/04/2025

**AUTHOR:** Senator Brown


**SPONSORS:** ASUW President Murfitt, United Multicultural Council, Senators Christensen, Heffley, Jackim, Keasling, and Schliebe

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, students are members of the Laramie community and have a vested interest
4. in the decisions of the governing bodies whose laws they are subject to; and,
5. WHEREAS, students at the University of Wyoming who live in Laramie, under
6. Wyoming Statute 22-1-102 (attached in Addendum A), have the right to vote using their
7. current address; and,
8. WHEREAS, it is the goal of ASUW to encourage civic engagement among the student
9. body, especially pertaining to issues that impact them both as students at a public
10. university and residents of a state, county, and municipality; and,
11. WHEREAS, students who choose to vote using their college address should be able to
12. use a form of identification issued to them by a public institution of the State of
13. Wyoming to lawfully exercise their right to vote in Wyoming; and,
14. WHEREAS, testimony from the County Clerks Association of Wyoming and Fremont
15. County Clerk Julie Freese to the House Corporations, Elections and Political
16. Subdivisions Committee on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 clarifies that the procurement of a
17. student identification card (IDs) requires government issued photo IDs (driver's

18. licenses, passports, military IDs), as well as birth certificates and social security  
19. cards; and,  
20. WHEREAS, the main concern raised regarding student IDs was the use  
21. of nicknames or name variations on the card, which only impact voter verification at the  
22. polls and can be corrected through university policy on WyoOne IDs; and  
23. WHEREAS, research from the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement  
24. (NSLVE) shows that on-campus students are more likely to utilize in-person polling  
25. places rather than voting by mail, as outlined in Addendum C; and,  
26. WHEREAS, hindrances to students' right to vote in Laramie undermines ASUW  
27. initiatives such as SB 2970 (attached in Addendum D) which creates a voting center on  
28. campus; and,  
29. WHEREAS, the restriction of this form of identification and the burdens it puts on  
30. students as a result are in service of preventing voter fraud, which has only four  
31. documented cases since 1982, none of which involve student IDs, according to the  
32. Heritage Foundation (Addendum E).  
33. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of  
34. Wyoming (ASUW) Student Government formally opposes House Bill 160; and,  
35. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
36. Wyoming Secretary of State's Office, Wyoming State Senators Lynn Hutchings,  
37. Bob Ide, and John Kolb, as well as Wyoming State Representatives Reuben Tarver,  
38. Abby Angelos, Dalton Banks, Bob Davis, Jeremy Haroldson, Scott Heiner, Tom Kelly,  
39. Christopher Knapp, and Tony Locke upon its passage.

Passed 11-7-1

Referred to: SWAC PID AND HOPE

Date of Passage: February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 Signed:   
(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2025, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve

this Senate action.”   
ASUW President

### **Addendum A**

(xxxix) "Acceptable identification" means:

(A) For purposes of voter registration, one (1) of the identification documents or other proof of identity as specified by rule of the secretary of state as adequate proof of the identity of a voter;

(B) For purposes of in person voter identification immediately before voting at a polling place or absentee polling place, any of the following:

(I) A Wyoming driver's license as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a) (xxv);

(II) A tribal identification card issued by the governing body of the Eastern Shoshone tribe of Wyoming, the Northern Arapaho tribe of Wyoming or other federally recognized Indian tribe;

(III) A Wyoming identification card issued under W.S. 31-8-101;

(IV) A valid United States passport; (V) A United States military card;

(VI) A driver's license or identification card issued by any state or outlying possession of the United States;

(VII) Photo identification issued by the

University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community college or a Wyoming  
public school;

(VIII) A valid Medicare insurance card.

This subdivision is repealed effective December 31, 2029;

(IX) A valid Medicaid insurance card. This  
subdivision is repealed effective December 31, 2029;

(X) A valid permit issued by the state of  
Wyoming to carry a concealed firearm.

### **Addendum B**

Wyoming House Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee

January 24, 2025

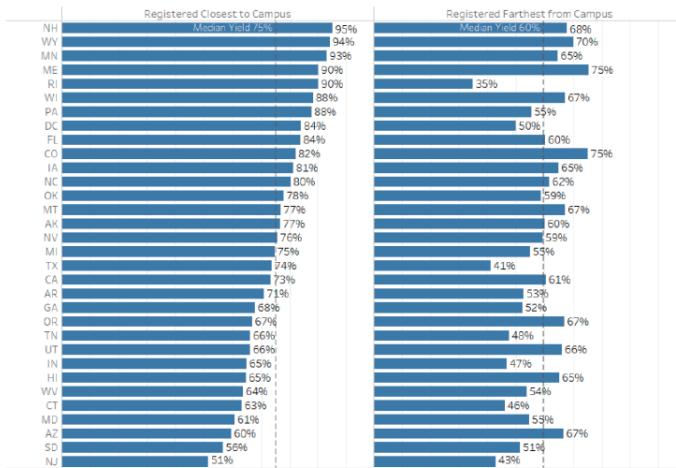
*Mary Lankford (County Clerks Association of Wyoming):*

We made a few phone calls to some of the institutions in the state. The University of Wyoming, LCCC, Central Wyoming Community College, Job Corps, and the Catholic College. And asked what documents do they require and what combinations do they require to get a student ID. We found out that they require government issued photo ID's which would be driver's licenses, passports, state identification numbers, or military ID, birth certificates, social security numbers.

Passed 11-7-1

### **Addendum C**

Yield Rate by State: Students Registered Nearest to Campus vs Registered Farthest from Campus

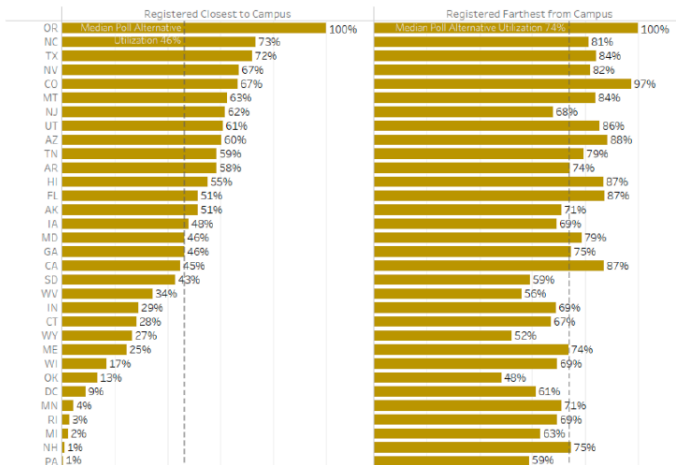


New Hampshire, Arizona, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan are generally considered the battleground states for the 2020 election. Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New Hampshire are the three states with the lowest near-campus alternative method utilization; students voting from home instead of campus in 2020 may be less likely to be familiar with alternative methods than their peers. However, this is not the case for Arizona. Vote method data are not available for Wisconsin.

#### State-Level Correlations between Discrepancies

Yield discrepancies between student registration alternatives suggest obstacles to political participation. We have presented differences in method utilization among voters as one specific difference between the groups; students on campus make use of in-person polling at higher rates. We see in the data that these differences are correlated (see figure “Relationship between Difference in Alternative Ballot Method Utilization and Difference in Yield Rates”); there is a strong relationship between the differences in alternative method utilization between students registered nearest to and farthest from campus, and the differences in yield.

Alternative Method Utilization by State: Registered Closest vs Farthest from Campus



This is significant because students attending school in the states at higher levels of both spreads (upper right corner of the figure right) who voted near campus are less likely to have experience with alternative methods, and this difference appears to have been significant for the yield rate in 2016.

## Addendum D

Adopted Via Unanimous Consent



**SENATE BILL #2970**

**TITLE:** Funding a Vote Center at the University of Wyoming Gateway Center from 2026-2036

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 04/02/24


**AUTHOR:** First-Year Senator Hargett, President Murfitt

**SPONSORS:** Senators Brown, Culp, Gomelsky, Hennigar, Hulen, Keasling, Langford, Moore, Schliebe; First-Year Senators Heffley, Mackenzie, Morales, Verdeyen; Director of Community and Governmental Affairs Bouma; Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp; Turning Point USA at UWYO; Young Americans for Freedom; Bridge UWyo


1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the Albany County Clerk has expressed significant interest in having a
4. vote center on campus; and,
5. WHEREAS, having a vote center on campus would improve civic engagement by the
6. student body, faculty, and staff at the University of Wyoming; and,
7. WHEREAS, having a vote center on campus would increase awareness that an election
8. is taking place; and,
9. WHEREAS, the Gateway Center is a short walk from anywhere on the main campus and
10. would make voting more accessible to those without vehicles; and,
11. WHEREAS, having a vote center on campus would bring thousands of people from the
12. Laramie community onto the University of Wyoming campus and to one of its newest
13. buildings; and,
14. WHEREAS, having a vote center on campus would build a relationship between the

**Addendum E**



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Election Fraud Map



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Leila Blake	2001	Wyoming	Criminal Conviction	<a href="#">Read</a>
Carolyn Paseneaux	2000	Wyoming	Criminal Conviction	<a href="#">Read</a>