

Wyoming: Please read all of the email responses. History: Their first response was not helpful. We emailed several times for clarification and did not get a response. So we called and got answers to two out of three questions. Then we kept calling and were emailed an incomplete response to our “never resided” question. We are still trying to clarify. Contact: Jennifer Trabing at : Her direct number is 307-777-7186. SOS number is: 307-777-5860. We were told that she is in charge of overseas voting.

On Tue, May 8, 2018, 17:39 Jennifer Trabing <jennifer.trabing@wyo.gov> wrote:
Good morning Heather,

Thank you for your patience and I apologize for the delay. The answer to your question is, yes. Even if a person has never resided in the US (child of military or diplomat, for example), they are eligible to vote - as long as their parents were residents of the state previously.

Hope this is helpful!

Best,
Jennifer

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Emails were fruitless. So we called:

WY contact is Jennifer Prabing. Her direct number is 307-777-7186. I have not yet been able to reach her. The first half dozen times I called, I just got a general voicemail. When I finally reached a person, I was told that Jennifer is the one to talk to, but I've called at least 3 times and haven't been able to reach her. I will keep calling.

Hi there,

Got a hold of Jennifer from WY :)

Intend to return: YES

Return Uncertain: YES

Never resided: she wasn't 100% sure. She asked me to email her the question. She will look it up and get back to me.

Dear Ms. Trabing,

Thank you for your swift response. I just want to clarify your answers below. As I am not an attorney I am not sure how to interpret the laws below. I have clarified my questions below in the hope that you are able to give me the “yes” or “no” answer I seek.

1. Do you send a full ballot (so people can vote on the state level) to someone who marks their FPCA, “Return Uncertain?”

You referred to the FVAP but that website only deals with federal elections not state elections. I called the number on the website and they were emphatic about not giving out rules regarding state or local elections. Only your office can answer my questions regarding eligibility for state elections. Please allow me to clarify my third question:

2. If someone is born abroad and has not lived anywhere in the USA are there any circumstance where they would be allowed to vote in state elections in Wyoming?
3. One circumstance could be their parents being eligible to vote in Wyoming. Of course there could be many circumstances. Can you tell me all of the circumstances if any?

The FVAP states, “a U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S. and has a parent or legal guardian that was last domiciled in Wyoming is eligible to vote in Wyoming.” But many states allow people who never resided in their state to vote in FEDERAL elections but NOT STATE level elections. Many states allow them to vote in BOTH. It is up to the state. What does Wyoming allow?

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions. We really appreciate your help.

Take Care,
Tricia Augustine

From: Jennifer Trabing [<mailto:jennifer.trabing@wyo.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:27 AM
To: taughaml@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Voting From Abroad

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting our Office. Please see below in blue text for the responses to your questions.

1. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and they intend to return, are they allowed to vote in state elections?
If the individual qualifies by statute, they may be allowed to vote in state elections. Per W.S. 22-1-102(xxx)(c): A person shall not lose his residence by leaving his home to go to another state, another district of this state, or to another country for temporary purposes, with the intent of returning, if he has not registered in the other state, district or country;

2. If a U.S. citizen is residing abroad and their return is uncertain, are they allowed to vote in state elections?

In addition to the statute quoted above, W.S. 22-1-102(xxx)(e) states: If a person removes to another state with the intent of making it his residence, he loses his residence in Wyoming; except that in a general election year, if his registration is valid in Wyoming when he leaves this state and he is unable to qualify under the laws of his new state of residence to vote at the primary or general election, he shall be deemed

to have retained residence in Wyoming for purposes of voting by absentee ballot in the primary or general election;

3. If a U.S. citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in state elections?

This particular question could be understood in several ways. I will assume the situation is a spouse who has never resided in Wyoming, but their husband was last domiciled in Wyoming. The answer in this situation would be no, not until they establish residency. Please review the brochure from FVAP (attached).

4. If a US citizen has never resided in the United States, are they eligible to vote in federal elections?

Please see answer above (#3).

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

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