

## 2023 LWVWY Legislative Update Update 1-17-23:

HB80 Medical Treatment Opportunity Act – Medicaid Reform will be in House Revenue Committee Thursday morning, according to Healthy Wyoming members who have that word from Chairman Harshman. It's not listed yet on the LSO website, but everyone is planning on 8 a.m. Thursday in the committee meeting room E003. If you have a yellow HW shirt, wear it. Opportunities to testify will be very limited, but a roomful of supporters will speak volumes. The bill is expected to be reported out of committee, but please go ahead and contact committee members beforehand and then the full House when HB80 comes up on General File.

Here is the messaging guide you can use for MedEx advocacy.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VPGpK\\_1qAcd9c9QhRP-ZjBtSTT1xqy2-UFdHAFVkiqk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VPGpK_1qAcd9c9QhRP-ZjBtSTT1xqy2-UFdHAFVkiqk/edit?usp=sharing)

Meanwhile, here are new bills in the Wyoming Legislature that impact the **legislative process and voting restrictions**. I suggest:

HB49 Municipal Nonpartisan Rank Choice Elections (Joint Corporations)

This would permit municipalities to use a ranked-choice voting procedure for nonpartisan local elections as a pilot project for the state.

HB139 Intimidation of Election Officials – Doxing (Yin, Zwonitzer and Case)

Creates a criminal offense of intimidation of election officials via online personal information that would pose an imminent and serious threat to the safety of the official or family.

HB141 – Party Affiliation Changes (Western et al)

No party changes allowed for the primary once candidate filing begins. About May 1.

HB146 – Lobbying restrictions

Require legislators to be out of Legislature for 2 years before taking job to lobby. This was filed the day after former Rep. Andy Schwartz of Jackson arrived to lobby for his community.

HB155 Minor Party and Independent Candidates – Filing Deadline (Lock et al)

The nomination filing and petition deadline for minor party candidates, provisional and independent candidates is moved up to 81 days before the major party primary.

HB156 Voter identification limitations (Locke et al)

Voter must show a photo ID and proof of residence