HOUSE BILL NO. HB0211

Ballot harvesting.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Olsen, Harshman, Ottman, Wylie and Yin and Senator(s) Barlow, Boner, Hutchings and Nethercott

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to elections; specifying the return of
- 2 ballots to the county clerk; amending a related definition;
- 3 and providing for an effective date.

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 7 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xxxvii) and 22-9-113 are
- 8 amended to read:

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10 **22-1-102.** Definitions.

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- 12 (a) The definitions contained in this chapter apply
- 13 to words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern
- 14 the construction of those words and phrases unless they are

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specifically modified by the context in which they appear. 1 2 As used in this Election Code: 3 4 (xxxvii) "Immediate family" means a spouse, parent, sibling, child or other person blood relative 5 living in the individual's household; 6 7 8 22-9-113. Completing and return of ballot; prohibition of collecting ballots; penalty. 9 10 11 (a) Upon receipt, a qualified elector shall mark the ballot and sign the affidavit. The ballot shall then be 12 sealed in the inner ballot envelope and mailed or delivered 13 to the county clerk by the qualified elector or a 14 15 designated person, subject to the requirements in 16 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, using one (1) of 17 the following methods: 18 19 (i) Mail; 20 21 (ii) Hand delivery to the county clerk's office; 22 or

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1 (iii) Deposit into a ballot drop box provided by 2 the county clerk. 3 4 (b) A qualified elector who has designated another person to return the elector's marked and sealed ballot on 5 6 the elector's behalf shall notify the county clerk of the 7 designee using a form prescribed by the secretary of state. 8 9 (c) Designated persons returning absentee ballots to the county clerk on behalf of a qualified elector shall 10 11 deliver not more than two (2) absentee ballots for any primary, general or special election. The restriction in 12 13 this subsection shall not apply to designated persons delivering the absentee ballots of immediate family 14 15 members. 16 17 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2023. 18 19 (END)

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