



For Immediate Release:

In response to Secretary Chuck Gray’s letter dated June 5, 2024, the County Clerks’ Association of Wyoming holds its longstanding interpretation of W.S. § 22-9-113 that the phrase “delivered to the clerk” allows for the use of a ballot drop box at the discretion of an individual County Clerk. Without judicial interpretation or legislative clarity, we continue to hold our interpretation as the same.

Although not all County Clerks have utilized ballot drop boxes, it is not uncommon for the election code to allow an administrative function and leave the decision of implementation to locally elected officials like the County Clerk. Electronic pollbooks, election equipment, vote centers, precinct boundaries, and absentee ballot processing are a few of the administrative functions left to the discretion of locally elected officials. To be clear, we continue to believe that the use of ballot drop boxes are yet another administrative function permitted by statute and the use of that delivery method is left to the discretion of the County Clerk. As the chief election officers of our respective counties, we are consistently listening to the concerns of our constituents. The voices of our constituents as a whole help guide our decisions on this, and many other, important election administration decisions. Our great state offers a myriad of differences from one corner to the next and for that reason a blanket solution does not always serve those distinct populations in the most practical manner.

We hold that the use of ballot drop boxes as a method of ballot delivery is safe, secure and statutorily authorized.