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**(Wyo.)-Nearly 2/3 Of State's Legislative Candidates Running Unopposed**



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Nearly two-thirds of the candidates for the Wyoming Legislature are unopposed in Tuesday's election.

Forty-eight candidates for 75 seats in the House and Senate have no opponents. That's 64 percent of the total.

In most races, that's because no Democrats are running.

Wyoming Democrats are trying to improve their showing, but say it's a long-term project. The party is focusing on getting potential candidates some experience in city, county and school board offices.

The Wyoming Women's Foundation is trying to encourage more women to run for office.

The foundation released a report Friday saying only 30 percent of the candidates statewide for city, county and legislative positions are women.

The foundation is offering leadership courses and mentoring opportunities for women, regardless of party.