

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0127

Special district enlargements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simpson and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to special districts; modifying
2 requirements for elections on enlargement petitions; and
3 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. 22-29-301(a) is amended to read:

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9 **22-29-301. Enlargement petitions.**

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11 (a) When the voters of an area wish to join a
12 district, they may file an enlargement petition with the
13 county commissioners. If there are no voters within an area
14 proposed to be included in a district, the landowners of
15 the area may file an enlargement petition with the county
16 commissioners. Unless otherwise provided under this
17 subsection, the petition for enlargement shall include

1 provisions allowing the board of district directors to be
2 enlarged by one (1) or more positions to be filled by
3 voters residing or located in the new area, the number of
4 positions to be determined by the petitioners and the
5 district directors of the existing district. Before the
6 petition is filed with the county commissioners, it shall
7 be approved by the directors of the affected district and
8 by any other agency also required by the principal act to
9 approve the petition. The petition process shall be
10 governed by W.S. 22-29-105 through 22-29-108. An election
11 need not be held on an enlargement petition nor do
12 additional directors need be elected or appointed if the
13 petition alleges and the county commissioners find:

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15 (i) All landowners within the new area and the
16 board of directors of the district agree to the inclusion
17 of the new area within the district; and:

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19 ~~(ii)~~ (A) There are no voters residing in the new
20 area; or

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22 (B) A majority of the voters residing in
23 the new area have signed a petition which includes the
24 statement that by signing the petition the person agrees to

1 the enlargement without an election and without the
2 election or appointment of additional directors and that
3 any mill levy imposed upon property of the existing
4 district shall also be imposed upon the area to be included
5 in the district. This subparagraph shall not apply to
6 improvement and service districts.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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10 (END)