

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. 0091

ENROLLED ACT NO. 36, SENATE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to election of city councilmen; providing an exception to vacancy in office; providing for residency requirements when city wards are redrawn as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-107(a)(i) and 22-23-103 are amended to read:

**15-1-107. Vacancies in offices; grounds; how filled.**

(a) A vacancy exists in the office of mayor or councilman if during the term for which elected any mayor or councilman:

(i) Except as provided in W.S. 22-23-103, fails the residency requirements as defined by local ordinance for the city, town or ward;

**22-23-103. Division of city into wards; residency.**

(a) A city may be divided into wards by ordinance of the governing body of the city. The wards shall be compact in form and as nearly equal in population as possible.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person shall not be a candidate for the council from a ward for the purpose of meeting residency requirements for the city ward, unless he has been a resident of that ward for at least one (1) year next preceding his election.

(c) In any general election year in which city wards are redrawn but not enacted into law at least one (1) year

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prior to the applicable filing periods, a person may be a candidate for a ward if he:

(i) Is a resident of the city on the date he files an application under W.S. 22-5-204 or a petition under W.S. 22-5-301; and

(ii) Has been a resident of the city for at least one (1) year next preceding his election.

(d) A person seeking election from a ward as provided under subsection (c) of this section, including a councilman whose term otherwise would expire as a result of completing his term of office, shall be a resident of the ward at the time he takes office.

(e) Following the redrawing of ward boundaries, a councilman whose term of office does not expire following the next general election shall continue to serve until the completion of his term.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk