

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0075

Redistricting of the legislature.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state legislative districts; providing
2 definitions; providing a plan for state legislative
3 districts based upon the 2000 census; providing for
4 eligibility of a candidate for the state legislature;
5 providing a repealer; providing an appropriation; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 are
11 repealed and recreated as W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 to
12 read:

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CHAPTER 2

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF MEMBERS

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1 **28-2-116. Legislative districts generally;**
2 **definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119:

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6 (i) "Census block" means a geographic area of
7 the state of Wyoming specified by the United States bureau
8 of the census in accordance with the 2000 decennial census
9 and identified uniquely by census block number;

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11 (ii) "Voter tabulation district" or "VTD" means
12 a geographic area of the state of Wyoming specified by the
13 United States bureau of the census in accordance with the
14 2000 decennial census and identified by Wyoming VTD name
15 and number;

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17 (iii) "This act" means W.S. 28-2-116 through
18 28-2-119.

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20 (b) As used in W.S. 28-2-118 and 28-2-119 unless the
21 context otherwise requires:

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23 (i) "District (number)" designates the
24 legislative district number assigned to a house or senate

1 legislative district from which a legislator is elected
2 under this act;

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4 (ii) "(Name of) County" designates either that
5 the entire named Wyoming county is within the legislative
6 district or that a portion of the named Wyoming county as
7 specified is within the legislative district;

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9 (iii) "VTD" designates either that the entire
10 voter tabulation district as named by the United States
11 bureau of the census for the 2000 decennial census within
12 the named county is a part of the legislative district or
13 that a portion of the named voter tabulation district
14 within the named county as specified is a part of the
15 legislative district;

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17 (iv) "Blocks" designates the entire census block
18 as numbered by the United States bureau of the census for
19 the 2000 decennial census within the named VTD and county
20 is a part of the legislative district.

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22 (c) W.S. 28-2-118 creates legislative districts for
23 the Wyoming senate and W.S. 28-2-119 creates legislative
24 districts for the Wyoming house of representatives.

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2 (d) The secretary of state shall maintain the United
3 States Public Law 94-171 data for the 2000 decennial census
4 that office received from the United States bureau of the
5 census and make it available for public inspection in a
6 hardcopy or electronic format during regular business
7 hours.

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9 **28-2-117. Effective date of changes in senate**
10 **districts.**

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12 Changes in all senate districts are effective for the 2002
13 general election and the fifty-seventh legislature.

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15 **28-2-118. Senate legislative districts; lists of**
16 **census blocks for split voter tabulation districts in the**
17 **senate.**

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19 (a) Subsection (b) of this section creates
20 legislative districts for the Wyoming senate consisting of
21 the numbered legislative districts contained therein. The
22 number of senators to be elected from each legislative
23 district shall be as specified in subsection (b) of this
24 section. The area within a county, voter tabulation

1 district or census block as provided in paragraphs (i)
2 through (iii) of this subsection is determined using the
3 United States bureau of census topologically integrated
4 geographic encoding and referencing data base (TIGER®).
5 Each numbered legislative district in subsection (b) of
6 this section consists of the combined geographic area
7 within the:

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9 (i) Entire specified county, if the county alone
10 is listed with no geographic subdivision listed below it;

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12 (ii) Voter tabulation district, if any are
13 listed below the particular county; and

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15 (iii) Census block, if any are listed below the
16 particular voter tabulation district. A census block listed
17 below a voter tabulation district indicates a split voter
18 tabulation district.

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20 (b) (See Attachment A)

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22 **28-2-119. House legislative districts; lists of**
23 **census blocks for split voter tabulation districts in the**
24 **house of representatives.**

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2 (a) Subsection (b) of this section creates
3 legislative districts for the Wyoming house of
4 representatives consisting of the numbered legislative
5 districts contained therein. The number of representatives
6 to be elected from each legislative district shall be as
7 specified in subsection (b) of this section. The area
8 within a county, voter tabulation district or census block
9 as provided in paragraphs (i) through (iii) of this
10 subsection is determined using the United States bureau of
11 census topologically integrated geographic encoding and
12 referencing data base (TIGER®). Each numbered legislative
13 district in subsection (b) of this section consists of the
14 combined geographic area within the:

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16 (i) Entire specified county, if the county alone
17 is listed with no geographic subdivision listed below it;

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19 (ii) Voter tabulation district, if any are
20 listed below the particular county; and

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22 (iii) Census block, if any are listed below the
23 particular voter tabulation district. A census block listed

1 below a voter tabulation district indicates a split voter
2 tabulation district.

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4 (b) (See Attachment B)

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6 **Section 2.** W.S. 22-5-102 is amended to read:

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8 **22-5-102. Eligibility to be a candidate for state**
9 **legislature; residency.**

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11 (a) For the purpose of meeting residency requirements
12 of the Wyoming constitution, a person shall not be a
13 candidate for the state legislature from a legislative
14 district unless he has been a resident of that legislative
15 district for at least one (1) year next preceding his
16 election. In any general election year in which a plan of
17 legislative ~~reapportionment~~-districts is required but has
18 not been enacted into law at least one (1) year prior to
19 the applicable filing periods, a person may be a candidate
20 for the state legislature from a legislative district if
21 he:

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

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5 (ii) Has been a resident of a county for at
6 least one (1) year next preceding his election in which any
7 portion of that legislative district is located.

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9 **Section 3.** W.S. 28-2-115 is repealed.

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11 **Section 4.** There is appropriated to the attorney
12 general from the general fund two hundred fifty thousand
13 dollars (\$250,000.00) to be used for legal and related
14 costs incurred in any litigation arising from the plan of
15 legislative districts contained in this act.

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17 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
20 Constitution.

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(END)