

SENATE FILE NO. SF0076

Municipal annexation changes.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hawks and Representative(s) Cohee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to cities and towns; modifying the  
2 requirements and procedures for annexation; and providing  
3 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. 15-1-402(c)(v), 15-1-403(c) and (d)  
8 and 15-1-405 are amended to read:

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10 **15-1-402. Annexing territories; findings required;**  
11 **when contiguity not deemed affected; annexation report.**

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13 (c) An annexing municipality shall prepare a proposed  
14 annexation report as specified in this subsection. The  
15 report shall, at a minimum, contain:

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1           (v) The current and projected property ~~taxes~~tax  
2 mill levies imposed by the municipality; and

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4           **15-1-403. Annexing territories; initiation of**  
5 **proceedings; by landowners' petition; validity of**  
6 **signatures; determinations.**

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8           (c) The clerk shall ~~refer the petition to the~~  
9 ~~governing body which, without undue delay, shall take~~  
10 ~~appropriate steps to~~ within ten (10) days from the date the  
11 petition is filed, determine if the petition substantially  
12 complies with this article.

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14           (d) If the petition complies, the ~~governing body~~  
15 ~~shall adopt a resolution certifying~~ clerk shall certify  
16 compliance, and the procedure outlined in W.S. 15-1-402,  
17 15-1-405 and 15-1-406 shall then be followed. If it does  
18 not comply the petitioner shall be notified that no further  
19 action will be taken on the petition until compliance is  
20 made.

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22           **15-1-405. Annexing territories; public hearing**  
23 **required; notice thereof.**

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1 (a) In any annexation proceeding the governing body  
2 shall establish a date, time and place for a public hearing  
3 to determine if the proposed annexation complies with W.S.  
4 15-1-402. The hearing shall be held not less than ~~sixty~~  
5 ~~(60)~~ thirty (30) days nor more than ~~one hundred twenty~~  
6 ~~(120)~~ one hundred eighty (180) days after the ~~effective~~  
7 ~~date of the resolution~~ petition has been certified to be  
8 complete.

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10 (b) The clerk shall give notice of the public hearing  
11 by publishing a notice at least twice in a newspaper of  
12 general circulation in the territory sought to be annexed.  
13 The first notice shall be given at least ~~twenty (20)~~  
14 fifteen (15) business days prior to the date of the public  
15 hearing. The notice shall contain a location map which  
16 includes identifiable landmarks and boundaries of the area  
17 sought to be annexed and the area which will, as a result  
18 of the annexation then be brought within one-half (1/2)  
19 mile of the new corporate limits of the city, if it has  
20 exercised the authority granted under W.S. 15-3-202(b)(ii).  
21 The notice shall include a summary of the proposed  
22 annexation report prepared pursuant to W.S. 15-1-402(c).  
23 Upon written request to the clerk of the annexing  
24 municipality, the clerk shall provide a legal description

1 of the area and the names of the persons owning property  
2 within the area.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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