

SENATE FILE NO. SF0016

Public safety communications.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public safety communications; renaming  
2 the law enforcement communications commission; modifying  
3 the duties, composition and authority of the commission;  
4 providing definitions; conforming related provisions;  
5 repealing the provisions regarding the state public safety  
6 communications consultant as specified; and providing for  
7 an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1101, 9-2-1102(a)(intro), (v), by  
12 creating new paragraphs (vii) through (xvii) and (c),  
13 9-2-1103 and 9-2-1104(a)(i), (v) and by creating a new  
14 paragraph (vi) are amended to read:

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ARTICLE 11

## 1 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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3 **9-2-1101. Commission; created; definitions.**

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5 (a) The ~~law enforcement~~ public safety communications  
6 commission is created.

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8 (b) As used in W.S. 9-2-1101 through 9-2-1104:7

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10 (i) "Public safety agency" means any federal,  
11 state or political subdivision entity that provides  
12 emergency and public safety services, including state  
13 agencies employing peace officers enumerated in W.S.  
14 6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for  
15 participation by the communications commission, fire  
16 management services, correctional services, emergency  
17 management, emergency and disaster relief services and if  
18 desired, county, municipal and federal law enforcement  
19 agencies;

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21 (ii) "System" means the ~~highband radio~~ wireless  
22 communications network providing regional and statewide  
23 radio communications capabilities to ~~the Wyoming game and~~  
24 ~~fish department, the Wyoming livestock board, the Wyoming~~

1 ~~highway patrol, the division of criminal investigation,~~  
2 ~~office of the attorney general and other state agencies~~  
3 ~~employing peace officers enumerated in W.S.~~  
4 ~~6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for~~  
5 ~~participation by the communications commission and if~~  
6 ~~desired, to county, municipal and federal law enforcement~~  
7 public safety agencies.

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9 **9-2-1102. Commission; composition; appointment of**  
10 **members; removal; terms; officers; vacancies; meetings.**

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12 (a) The commission shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~  
13 seventeen (17) voting members to be appointed by the  
14 governor and who may be removed by the governor as provided  
15 in W.S. 9-1-202. ~~One (1) member shall be appointed from the~~  
16 ~~public-at-large and the remaining six (6)~~ The seventeen  
17 (17) members shall be appointed from ~~a list of four (4)~~  
18 ~~names submitted by~~ each of the following associations and  
19 agencies from their membership:

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21 (v) Wyoming ~~highway patrol; and~~ department of  
22 transportation;

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- 1           (vii) Department of state parks and cultural  
2 resources;  
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4           (viii) Wyoming fire chiefs' association;  
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6           (ix) Wyoming state fire marshal;  
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8           (x) Wyoming office of homeland security;  
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10          (xi) The public at large;  
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12          (xii) Wyoming ambulance and emergency medical  
13 services association;  
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15          (xiii) Municipal government or a municipal  
16 government association;  
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18          (xiv) County government or a county government  
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21          (xv) Wyoming department of health;  
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23          (xvi) Tribal government or a tribal government  
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(xvii) Federal government or a federal government association.

(c) The commission shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled by the commission from its membership. The commission shall meet at least once every three (3) months. Appointments by the governor shall be made within thirty (30) days of expiration of membership terms. Nominee lists shall be furnished within ten (10) days upon expiration of any membership term. Each ~~voting~~ member shall serve a three (3) year term. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the governor ~~from a list of two (2) names submitted within ten (10) days of the vacancy by the appointing association or agency.~~

**9-2-1103. Commission; compensation of members.**

~~Voting~~ Members of the commission shall receive mileage and per diem provided state employees.

1           **9-2-1104. Commission; powers and duties; advisory**  
2 **capacity to promote system development; public meetings;**  
3 **clerical and administrative support.**

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5           (a) The commission shall:

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7                   (i) Work with ~~the state communications~~  
8 ~~consultant established by W.S. 9-2-1105,~~ the administrator  
9 of the information technology division of the department of  
10 administration and information and the department of  
11 transportation in an advisory capacity to promote the  
12 development, improvement and efficiency of ~~law enforcement~~  
13 public safety communications systems in the state;

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15                   (v) Promulgate necessary rules and regulations  
16 governing system operation and participation and upon  
17 failure to comply with adopted rules and regulations, may  
18 suspend system use and participation by any participating  
19 and noncomplying ~~federal, state or local~~ public safety  
20 ~~agency~~ or private entity;

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22                   (vi) Determine the participation of public  
23 safety agencies and private entities in the wireless  
24 communications network.

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2       **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1105 and 9-2-1106 are repealed.

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4       **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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