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NOT APPROVED FOR
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Special districts-elections.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to special districts; changing requirements
2 to allow enlargement without election; limiting taxing
3 authority when districts have not properly mapped
4 boundaries; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 22-29-301(a)(i) and
9 39-11-102(c)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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11 **22-29-301. Enlargement petitions.**

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1 (a) When ~~the~~any voters or landowners of an area wish
2 to join a district, they may file an enlargement petition
3 with the county commissioners. ~~If there are no voters~~
4 ~~within an area proposed to be included in a district, the~~
5 ~~landowners of the area may file an enlargement petition~~
6 ~~with the county commissioners.~~ Unless otherwise provided
7 under this subsection, the petition for enlargement shall
8 include provisions allowing the board of district directors
9 to be enlarged by one (1) or more positions to be filled by
10 voters residing or located in the new area, the number of
11 positions to be determined by the petitioners and the
12 district directors of the existing district. Before the
13 petition is filed with the county commissioners, it shall
14 be approved by the directors of the affected district and
15 by any other agency also required by the principal act to
16 approve the petition. The petition process shall be
17 governed by W.S. 22-29-105 through 22-29-108. An election
18 need not be held on an enlargement petition if the petition
19 alleges and the county commissioners find:

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21 (i) All landowners and all voters within the new
22 area and the board of directors of the district agree to
23 the inclusion of the new area within the district.~~.~~; ~~and~~

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2 **39-11-102. Administration; confidentiality;**3 **department of revenue.**

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5 (c) In addition to the other powers and duties
6 imposed by law, the department shall:

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8 (xxiv) Promulgate rules and regulations as
9 provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act,
10 necessary to map and keep record of the geographical
11 boundaries for all special districts and governmental
12 entities with the authority to levy or require the levy of
13 property taxes. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, no special district or governmental entity with
15 authority to levy or require the levy of property taxes
16 shall levy any property taxes unless in compliance with the
17 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this
18 subsection.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 22-29-301(a)(ii) is repealed.

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