ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0136

## ENROLLED ACT NO. 51, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to vacancies in office; requiring written notice for county commissioner vacancies as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 18-3-524(a)(ii) is amended to read:

## 18-3-524. Appointments to fill vacancies; term.

Within twenty (20) days after the office of any (a) county commissioner becomes vacant the remaining members of the board shall declare a vacancy to exist and immediately give notice of the vacancy in writing to the chairman of the county central committee of the political party which the member whose office is vacant represented at the time of his election under W.S. 22-6-120(a)(vii), or at the time of his appointment if not elected to office. The chairman of the county central committee shall within twenty (20) days after receipt of the notice call a meeting of the county central committee. At the meeting the committee shall select three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy and transmit the names to the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners shall fill the vacancy within twenty (20) days after receiving the list from the county central committee by appointing one (1) of the persons whose names are submitted by the county central committee:

(ii) If the incumbent commissioner did not represent any political party at the time of his election or appointment, the board of county commissioners may appoint any qualified person to fill the vacancy shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county notice that within twenty (20) days after publication any ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>0136</u>

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qualified person may make application directly to the county commissioners for appointment to fill the vacancy. Within twenty (20) days after the application deadline the county commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment of one (1) person qualified from those submitting applications.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED:

DATE APPROVED:

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk