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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Special districts-public records.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to special districts; providing for filing
2 of public records with county clerks; providing for notice
3 and location of public meetings of special districts; and
4 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. 16-12-101 through 16-12-104 are
9 created to read:

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11 **16-12-101. Short title.**

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1 This chapter may be cited as the "Special District Public
2 Records and Meetings Act."

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4 **16-12-102. Definitions.**

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6 (a) As used in this act:

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8 (i) "Director" or "district director" means a
9 voting member of the governing body of a special district
10 or other specified entity, regardless of what title is used
11 in the principal act;

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13 (ii) "Principal act" means the statutes under
14 which a special district or other specified entity listed
15 under W.S. 16-12-103(a) is formed or is operating;

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17 (iii) "This act" means W.S. 16-12-101 through 16-
18 12-104.

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20 **16-12-103. Applicability to special districts and other**
21 **specified entities; general provisions.**

1 (a) This act applies to the following entities as
2 specified in subsection (b) of this section:

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4 (i) Airport joint powers boards;

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6 (ii) Boards of cooperative educational services;

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8 (iii) Cemetery districts;

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10 (iv) Conservancy districts;

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12 (v) Conservation districts;

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14 (vi) Downtown development authorities;

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16 (vii) Drainage districts;

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18 (viii) Fire protection districts;

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20 (ix) Flood control districts;

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22 (x) Hospital districts;

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- 1 (xi) Housing authorities;
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- 3 (xii) Improvement and service districts;
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- 5 (xiii) Irrigation districts;
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- 7 (xiv) Joint powers boards;
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- 9 (xv) Local improvement districts;
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- 11 (xvi) Museum districts;
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- 13 (xvii) Predatory animal boards;
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- 15 (xviii) Recreation districts;
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- 17 (xix) Recreation joint powers boards;
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- 19 (xx) Regional transportation authorities;
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- 21 (xxi) Resort districts;
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- 23 (xxii) Rural health care districts;

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(xxiii) Sanitary and improvement districts;

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(xxiv) Senior citizens' districts;

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(xxv) Solid waste disposal districts;

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(xxvi) Water and sewer districts;

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(xxvii) Watershed improvement districts;

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(xxviii) Weed and pest districts;

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(xxix) Other districts as specified by law.

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(b) This act specifies requirements pertaining to public records and meetings of the entities listed in subsection (a) of this section where the principal act is silent or unclear. The specific provisions of a principal act or the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act are effective and controlling to the extent they conflict with this act.

1 (c) If a proposed entity crosses county boundaries,
2 then any required filing with a county clerk shall be filed
3 with or certified to the county clerks of the counties
4 affected. Any consultation required of the county assessor
5 or county treasurer shall be made jointly by the county
6 assessor or county treasurer of each of the affected
7 counties.

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9 (d) If an entity is authorized to promulgate rules and
10 regulations or adopt ordinances or bylaws, the district
11 shall file any rules and regulations it promulgates,
12 ordinances or bylaws it adopts and any amendments thereto
13 with the county clerk for each county in which it is
14 located. No rule, regulation, ordinance or bylaw shall be
15 effective unless filed in accordance with this subsection.

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17 **16-12-103. Filing of public records.**

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19 All special districts and other specified entities shall
20 file a copy of adopted minutes of all meetings, records of
21 meetings, audits, financial statements, election results,
22 budgets, rules, regulations, bylaws, rate schedules,
23 policies and employment contracts with all administrators

1 with the county clerk in the county or counties within
2 which the entity is located annually by July 30 of each
3 year.

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5 **16-12-104. Public meetings.**

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7 (a) In addition to the requirements of W.S. 16-4-401
8 through 16-4-408, all public meetings of special districts
9 and specified entities shall be held in a location
10 accessible to the general public or made accessible to the
11 public for purposes of the meeting.

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13 (b) Notice of any meeting of a special district or
14 specified entity shall be made in compliance with W.S. 16-
15 4-404.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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