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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Counties-election districts.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county commissions; providing authority
2 to create county commissioner districts in response to
3 court order; providing terms of county commissioners
4 subject to districting; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-3-501 by creating a new subsection
10 (k) is amended to read:

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12 **18-3-501. Composition; election for increasing the**
13 **number; term; quorum; election for districting; procedures.**

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(k) If required to do so pursuant to a final court order, the board of county commissioners may by resolution devise a districting plan dividing the county into any number of districts necessary to meet the requirements of the court order. A districting plan devised under this subsection may include single member districts in which the candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, districts in which candidates are elected at large, or any combination of districts in which candidates must reside and are apportioned by population or are elected at large. A court ordered districting plan shall not be subject to a vote of the electors. Commissioners in office on the effective date of the districting plan shall serve the county at large until the regular expiration of their term. Additional offices created under this subsection shall be filled by appointment by the current county commission and thereafter shall be filled at the general election next following the effective date of the districting plan. Any commissioner elected after the effective date of the districting plan shall meet the requirements for the district from which he is elected.

1 ***** Staff note: Should language be added for**
2 **staggered terms? *****

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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