

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0019

Assignment of retired circuit court judges.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to circuit court judges; providing that
2 retired circuit court judges may be assigned to hear cases
3 as specified; providing for compensation of retired circuit
4 court judges as specified; specifying that an assignment of
5 a retired circuit court judge shall not affect his
6 retirement benefits during the assignment; and providing
7 for 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. 5-9-119 by creating a new subsection
12 (d) is amended to read:

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14 **5-9-119. Judges may hold court for each other;**
15 **expenses of judge holding court in another circuit or**
16 **district; disqualification of judge; change of venue**
17 **prohibited; assignment of retired judges.**

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(d) Any retired circuit court judge of this state who is not practicing law may, with his consent and the consent of the chief justice, at the request of a circuit court judge be assigned to hear a case in a circuit court as otherwise authorized by law. A retired circuit court judge shall receive as compensation an amount equal to the current compensation of a judge of the court to which he is assigned. The compensation received by a retired circuit court judge during any period of assignment shall not affect the receipt of any retirement allowance of the retired circuit court judge during the period of assignment. Assignments of retired circuit court judges under this section shall only be made in a manner that does not jeopardize the qualified status of state retirement plans established by the Wyoming legislature. When called to serve, a retired circuit court judge shall receive the same per diem and travel allowance as allowed active circuit court judges. Per diem allowances and compensation shall be paid from the contingent fund of the court to which the retired judge is assigned.

