

SENATE FILE NO. SF0019

Predator management districts-management.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to predator control; establishing voting
2 rights for predator management district meetings; amending
3 the due date for predator board annual reports; amending
4 time limits for issuing predator animal control fee
5 refunds; specifying the persons who are exempt from paying
6 predator animal control fees; repealing archaic provisions;
7 and providing 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. 11-6-202(a)(i) and (ii),
12 11-6-203(a)(intro), 11-6-208 and 11-6-210(g)(intro) and (h)
13 are amended to read:

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1 11-6-202. Administration of districts by district
2 boards; number and qualifications of members; term; filling
3 of vacancies.

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5 (a) The affairs of each district shall be
6 administered by a board of directors, each of whom shall be
7 a bona fide resident of Wyoming. Directors for the
8 positions identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this
9 subsection shall be elected at an annual meeting of
10 district livestock owners. Directors for the positions
11 identified in paragraphs (iv) and (v) of this subsection
12 shall be appointed as described. The composition of the
13 board shall be as follows:

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15 (i) Three (3) directors shall be sheep owners
16 having paid predator management fees on sheep in the
17 district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent
18 annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected
19 for a three (3) year term. Subject to the provisions of
20 W.S. 11-6-203(a), all sheep owners whether an individual,
21 corporation or partnership, having paid predator management
22 fees on sheep in the district regardless of the domicile of
23 the sheep, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

(ii) Three (3) directors shall be cattle owners having paid predator management fees on cattle in the district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected for a three (3) year term. Subject to the provisions of W.S. 11-6-203(a), all cattle owners whether an individual, corporation or partnership, having paid predator management fees on cattle in the district regardless of the domicile of the cattle, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

11-6-203. Manner of calling annual meeting of predator management districts; when held; election of chairman and secretary.

(a) The annual meeting of each predator management district shall be held within the first two (2) weeks of December. and Any person having paid predator fees in the district within the preceding twelve (12) months shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the annual meeting. Predator fees paid in the name of a business entity may be represented by one (1) representative of the entity paying the fees, provided that the representative is authorized by the entity to vote on behalf of the entity and has provided proof of such written authorization. Proof of payment of

predator fees within the district shall only be through a
verified copy of a brand inspection certificate which
clearly shows that the fees have been paid and the date
upon which the fees were paid. No person paying fees
within the district shall be entitled to more than one (1)
vote at the annual meeting and no proxies shall be allowed.

Each board shall:

11-6-208. District boards; annual report.

On or before ~~October~~March 1 of each year, the president and secretary-treasurer of each district board and each county treasurer shall make an annual report to their board of county commissioners showing all receipts and disbursement of district funds made by direction of the board during the preceding fiscal year. A report of the receipts, expenditures and financial transactions of the district shall be made as provided by W.S. 9-1-507. The director of the state department of audit may call upon any district board or upon any county treasurer for further information relating to any predator management district.

1 11-6-210. Creation of predator management district
2 fund; predator management fees; donations; appropriation by
3 county commissioners.

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5 (g) Each predator management district board shall
6 annually allocate five percent (5%) of all predator
7 management fee collections to be used for refunds, in whole
8 or in part. If a refund is requested the board shall pay
9 the refund within ~~one hundred eighty (180) days of~~
10 ~~application~~ one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of
11 the calendar year in which the fee was paid. Refunds under
12 this subsection shall be subject to the following:

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14 (h) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,
15 no predatory animal control fee shall be collected on
16 livestock owned by Wyoming residents that are shipped or
17 trailed within this state if change of ownership does not
18 occur.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-6-203(a)(i) and 11-6-210(m) are
21 repealed.

