

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0142

Firefighter collective bargaining-nonbinding arbitration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, B., Greear,
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and Senator(s) Nicholas, P. and Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to collective bargaining with firefighters
2 and local governments; modifying definitions; providing for
3 nonbinding arbitration; and providing for an effective
4 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. 27-10-101(a)(ii), 27-10-104,
9 27-10-105 and 27-10-107 are amended to read:

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11 **27-10-101. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this act the following terms shall,
14 unless the context requires a different interpretation,
15 have the following meanings:

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1 (ii) The term "corporate authorities" shall mean
2 the council, commission or other proper officials or their
3 designees, of any city, town or county, whose duty or
4 duties it is to establish wages, salaries, rates of pay,
5 working conditions, and other conditions of employment of
6 ~~fire fighters~~ firefighters.

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8 **27-10-104. Obligation of city, town or county to meet**
9 **with agent after written notice; written contract of**
10 **agreement.**

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12 It shall be the obligation of the city, town or county,
13 through its corporate authorities, or their designees, to
14 meet and confer in good faith with the representative or
15 representatives of the bargaining agent within ten (10)
16 days after receipt of written notice from said bargaining
17 agent of the request for a meeting for collective
18 bargaining purposes. This obligation shall include the duty
19 to cause any agreement resulting from negotiations to be
20 reduced to a written contract, provided that no such
21 contract shall exceed the term of two (2) years.

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23 **27-10-105. When issues to be submitted to**
24 **arbitration.**

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2 In the event that the bargaining agent and the corporate
3 authorities are unable, within thirty (30) days from and
4 including the date of their first meeting, to reach an
5 agreement on a contract, any and all unresolved issues
6 shall be submitted to arbitration which arbitration shall
7 be nonbinding and advisory only to the governing body- The
8 governing body shall have final determination on all
9 contract terms.

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11 **27-10-107. Arbitration procedure.**

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13 Arbitration shall proceed pursuant to the provisions of the
14 Uniform Arbitration Act, provided, however, arbitration
15 shall be nonbinding.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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