

SENATE FILE NO. SF0061

Cooperative utilities-bylaws.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill and Moniz and
Representative(s) Barlow, Clausen, Flitner,
Haley, Hunt, Lindholm, Pownall and Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to cooperative utilities; authorizing
2 cooperative utilities to amend bylaws as specified; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 17-20-729 is created to read:

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9 **17-20-729. Amendment of bylaws.**

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11 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 17-19-1021(a)(i) and (ii), a
12 cooperative utility may amend its bylaws not inconsistent
13 with its articles of incorporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote
14 of the board of directors after notice as required by this
15 section.

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2 (b) A cooperative utility shall provide notice of any
3 meeting of the board of directors at which an amendment is to
4 be voted upon at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.
5 The notice shall:

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7 (i) State that a purpose of the meeting is to
8 consider a proposed amendment to the bylaws;

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10 (ii) Contain or be accompanied by a copy or
11 summary of the amendment;

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13 (iii) Be fair and reasonable. Fair and reasonable
14 notice includes, but is not limited to, advertisement in a
15 newspaper of general circulation within the cooperative
16 utility's service area or direct mailings to members such as
17 in a bill or other communication.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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