

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0245

County officers-extended absence from office.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hunt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county officers; authorizing a board of
2 county commissioners to declare a vacancy in the office of
3 a county officer as specified; and providing for an
4 effective 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. 18-3-908 is created to read:

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10 **18-3-908. Declaring a vacancy by county**
11 **commissioners.**

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13 (a) The board of county commissioners may declare
14 vacant the office of a county officer if the officer is
15 absent from his office without leave of the board for more
16 than ninety (90) business days in any one (1) calendar

1 year. The board shall provide notice to the officer and
2 conduct a fair investigation of the absence before
3 declaring a vacancy under this section.

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5 (b) Whenever a vacancy occurs in any county office
6 under the provisions of this section, it shall be filled as
7 provided by law.

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9 (c) This section is supplemental to all other
10 statutes concerning removal of county officers.

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 18-3-905 is amended to read:

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14 **18-3-905. Criminal statutes neither repealed nor**
15 **barred.**

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17 Nothing in W.S. 18-3-902 through 18-3-904 and 18-3-908
18 shall be construed as repealing any law making it a crime
19 or misdemeanor for county officers to violate statutes of
20 this state and providing a punishment for the violation.
21 Proceedings under W.S. 18-3-902 through 18-3-904 and
22 18-3-908 shall not bar proceedings under any criminal
23 statute.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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