SENATE FILE NO. SF0146

Six person juries in civil cases.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nethercott, Kolb and Kost and Representative(s) MacGuire, Stith and Washut

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; specifying that juries

2 for civil trials shall have six jurors; specifying

3 applicability; and 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. 1-11-119 and 1-11-120 are amended to
- 8 read:

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10 1-11-119. Number of jurors; fees and mileage.

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- 12 Trial juries in circuit courts shall be composed of six (6)
- 13 persons. Trial juries in civil cases and all other
- 14 proceedings in the district courts except criminal cases
- 15 shall be composed of six (6) jurors. unless one (1) of the

- 1 parties to the action files a written demand for twelve
- 2 (12) jurors within the time a demand for jury may be filed,
- 3 in which event The number of jurors in criminal cases in
- 4 <u>district courts</u> shall be twelve (12). Jurors in all courts
- 5 shall be allowed the same fees and mileage as jurors in
- 6 district court.

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- 8 1-11-120. Persons sworn to constitute jury;
- 9 generally.

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- 11 The first six (6) persons, or other number of persons
- 12 designated for a jury under the first twelve (12) persons
- 13 for criminal cases in district courts under W.S. 1-11-119,
- 14 who appear as their names are randomly selected and are
- 15 approved as indifferent between the parties and not
- 16 discharged or excused shall be sworn and constitute the
- 17 jury to try the issue.

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- 19 **Section 2.** The provisions of this act shall apply to
- 20 all civil actions commenced on or after the effective date
- 21 of this act.

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1 Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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3 (END)

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