HOUSE BILL NO. HB0013

Municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction-repeal.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to municipalities; repealing and removing
- 2 certain extraterritorial jurisdiction asserted by
- 3 municipalities; modifying notice requirements to landowners
- 4 outside municipal boundaries; making conforming amendments;
- 5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 9 **Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-401(a)(ii), 15-1-402(c)(i),
- 10 15-1-404 (a) (ii) (A), 15-1-405 (b), 15-9-103 (a) (ii) and
- 11 34-12-103 are amended to read:

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13 **15-1-401**. **Definitions**.

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15 (a) As used in this article:

1 2 (ii) "Landowner" means the owner of real 3 property in the territory proposed to be annexed who in the 4 last calendar year was liable for a property tax thereon or was exempt by law from the payment of taxes on the 5 property. Anyone having a right to purchase land under a 6 written contract is the owner of that land for annexation 7 8 purposes. For purposes of W.S. 15-1-402, 15-1-404 and 9 15-1-405 "landowner" shall include persons owning property 10 which, as a result of the proposed annexation would then be 11 brought within one-half (1/2) mile of the corporate limits 12 of a city; which has exercised the authority granted under W.S. 15-3-202(b)(ii); 13 14 15-1-402. Annexing territories; findings required; 15 16 when contiguity not deemed affected; annexation report. 17 18 (c) An annexing municipality shall prepare a proposed 19 annexation report as specified in this subsection. The 20 report shall, at a minimum, contain: 21 22 (i) A map of the area proposed to be annexed 23 showing identifiable landmarks and boundaries and the area

which will, as a result of the annexation then be brought within one-half (1/2) mile of the new corporate limits of

3 the city; , if it has exercised the authority granted under

4 W.S. 15-3-202(b)(ii);

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6 15-1-404. Annexing territories; initiation of

7 proceedings; by governing bodies; determination.

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9 (a) The governing body of any city or town may

10 initiate proceedings to annex territory by the following

11 procedure:

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13 (ii) The governing body shall:

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15 (A) Cause to be prepared a legal
16 description, a listing of the current mailing address of

each landowner as shown in the records of the county

18 assessor and a map showing identifiable landmarks and

19 boundaries of the area considered for annexation and the

20 area which will, as a result of the annexation then be

21 brought within one-half (1/2) mile of the new corporate

22 limits of the city; if it has exercised the authority

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23 granted under W.S. 15-3-202(b)(ii);

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2 15-1-405. Annexing territories; public hearing 3 required; notice thereof.

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5 The clerk shall give notice of the public hearing by publishing a notice at least twice in a newspaper of 6 general circulation in the territory sought to be annexed 7 8 and by certified mail to all landowners in the territory 9 sought to be annexed. The first notice shall be given at 10 least fifteen (15) business days prior to the date of the public hearing. The notice shall contain a location map 11 12 which includes identifiable landmarks and boundaries of the 13 area sought to be annexed and the area which will, as a result of the annexation then be brought within one-half 14 (1/2) mile of the new corporate limits of the city., if it 15 16 exercised the authority granted under W.S. 17 15-3-202(b)(ii). The notice shall include a summary of the 18 proposed annexation report prepared pursuant to W.S. 19 15-1-402(c). Upon written request to the clerk of the 20 annexing municipality, the clerk shall provide a legal 21 description of the area and the names of the persons owning 22 property within the area.

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1 15-9-103. Definitions. 2 3 (a) As used in this chapter, unless a different 4 meaning is clearly indicated by the context: 5 (ii) "Area of operation" means the area within 6 the corporate limits of the municipality; and the area 7 8 within five (5) miles of those limits, except that it does 9 not include any area which lies within the territorial 10 boundaries of another incorporated city or town unless a resolution has been adopted by the governing body of the 11 12 other city or town declaring a need therefor; 13 34-12-103. Contents of plat; acknowledgment; approval 14 by county commissioners or governing body of cities or 15 16 towns; filing and recording. 17 Every such plat shall contain a statement to the effect 18 19 that "the above or foregoing subdivision of (here insert a 20 correct description of the land or parcel subdivided) as 21 appears on this plat, is with the free consent, and in 22 accordance with the desires of the undersigned owners and 23 proprietors", which shall be signed by the owners and

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proprietors, and shall be duly acknowledged before some 1 2 officer authorized to take the acknowledgement of deeds. 3 The plat shall meet the approval of the board of county 4 commissioners if it is of land situated without the boundaries of any city or town or by the governing body of 5 the city or town if situated within the boundaries of such 6 city or town. When thus executed, acknowledged and 7 8 approved, said plat shall be filed for record and recorded 9 in the office of the clerk of the proper county.; provided, 10 however, that any such plat of land adjacent to any 11 incorporated city or town, or within one (1) mile of the 12 boundaries of any such city or town, shall be jointly 13 approved by both the board of county commissioners of said 14 county and the governing body of said city or town before 15 same shall be filed and recorded in the office of the 16 county clerk as aforesaid. 17 **Section 2.** W.S. 15-3-202(b) and 18-5-308(b) are 18 19 repealed. 20 21 Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2018. 22

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