

SENATE FILE NO. SF0141

Business entities-representation in detainer cases.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins, Boner, Case, Gierau,  
Hicks, Nethercott and Schuler and  
Representative(s) Eklund, Nicholas and  
Sweeney

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; authorizing business  
2 entities to represent themselves in forcible entry and  
3 detainer actions; specifying requirements and exceptions;  
4 specifying applicability; and providing for an effective  
5 date.

6

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

8

9 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-21-1017 is created to read:

10

11 **1-21-1017. Corporate and business representation in**  
12 **proceedings.**

13

1           (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and  
2 subject to subsection (c) of this section, a business  
3 entity may represent itself without an attorney in any  
4 proceedings under this article that the business entity  
5 commences or is required to respond to or participate in,  
6 provided that:

7

8           (i) The business entity is represented by an  
9 owner, shareholder, member, partner or other employee of  
10 the business entity;

11

12           (ii) The person representing the business entity  
13 may litigate actions on behalf of themselves without an  
14 attorney, provided that if an attorney appears, the  
15 opposing party is entitled to a continuance for the purpose  
16 of obtaining an attorney of its own;

17

18           (iii) The business entity provides notice in  
19 writing to the court, the state bar and all other parties  
20 to the proceedings that it is being represented by an  
21 owner, shareholder, member, partner or other employee of  
22 the business entity who is not an attorney.

23

1           (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or  
2 rule, any person who represents a business entity in an  
3 action or proceeding under this article in accordance with  
4 the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to have  
5 engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, provided that  
6 the person complies with the provisions of W.S. 33-5-117.

7

8           (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
9 any business entity that is seeking a judgment exceeding  
10 the amount specified in W.S. 1-21-201 in any action under  
11 this article.

12

13           **Section 2.** The provisions of this act shall apply to  
14 all actions and proceedings commenced under W.S. 1-21-1001  
15 through 1-21-1017 on or after the effective date of this  
16 act.

17

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

19

20

(END)