

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. 0248

ENROLLED ACT NO. 54, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to elections; modifying provisions for filling vacancies in specified offices; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 18-3-524(a) (intro), (i) and (b) (i) is amended to read:

**18-3-524. Appointments to fill vacancies; term.**

(a) Within ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days after the office of any county commissioner becomes vacant the remaining members of the board shall declare a vacancy to exist and immediately give notice of the vacancy in writing to the chairman of the county central committee of the political party to which the member whose office is vacant belonged. The chairman of the county central committee shall within ~~ten (10)~~ twenty (20) days after receipt of the notice call a meeting of the county central committee. At the meeting the committee shall select three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy and transmit the names to the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners shall fill the vacancy within ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days after receiving the list from the county central committee by appointing one (1) of the persons whose names are submitted by the county central committee:

(i) If the county central committee fails to select and transmit the list of three (3) names to the board of county commissioners within ~~ten (10)~~ twenty (20) days, the board shall fill the vacancy by the appointment of any qualified person belonging to the same political party as the incumbent commissioner;

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(b) If the remaining members of the board of county commissioners fail to fill any vacancy in a board of county commissioners within the time specified in this section, any qualified elector of the county may file a petition with the clerk of the district court of the county in which the vacancy occurred requesting the judge of the district court to fill the vacancy:

(i) Within ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days after the petition is filed the judge shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified elector of the county belonging to the same political party as the incumbent commissioner. If the incumbent commissioner did not belong to any political party the judge may appoint any qualified person to fill the vacancy.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk