

SENATE FILE NO. SF0138

County commissioners-election to modify numbers.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Burns and Meier and
Representative(s) Berger, Diercks, Iekel,
Landon and Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county commissioners; allowing election
2 to increase or decrease commissioner numbers to be held at
3 special election; 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. 18-3-501(d), (f) and (g) is amended
8 to read:

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10 **18-3-501. Composition; election for increasing the**
11 **number; term; quorum; election for districting; procedures.**

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13 (d) The proposition may be submitted at any general
14 or special election. A notice of election shall be given in
15 at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation published
16 in the county wherein the election is to be held and shall

1 specify the object of the election. The notice shall be
2 published at least once each week for a thirty (30) day
3 period preceding the election. At the election the ballots
4 shall contain the words "for increasing the membership of
5 the board of county commissioners from three (3) to five
6 (5) members", and "against increasing the membership of the
7 board of county commissioners from three (3) to five (5)
8 members".

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10 (f) Any county may decrease the membership of its
11 board of county commissioners from five (5) to three (3)
12 members in the same manner as an increase under subsections
13 (b) and (c) of this section. The vote to decrease
14 membership shall be in the general or special election
15 preceding the election of three (3) commissioners. Notice
16 of the election shall be given as provided in subsection
17 (d) of this section.

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19 (g) Any county in which the electors vote to increase
20 the number of county commissioners from three (3) to five
21 (5) as provided by this section may be divided into five
22 (5) districts if a proposition for districting is submitted
23 to a vote of the qualified electorate of the county and a
24 majority of those casting their ballots vote in favor of

1 the districting. The proposition for districting shall be
2 submitted to a vote in the manner provided by subsections
3 (c) and (d) of this section. At the election, the ballot
4 shall contain the words "for dividing the county into five
5 (5) county commissioner election districts" and "against
6 dividing the county into five (5) county commissioner
7 election districts". The proposition to increase the
8 number of county commissioners and the proposition for
9 districting may appear on the ballot at the same general or
10 special election, however the ballots shall state that the
11 proposition for districting is contingent upon approval of
12 the proposition to increase the number of commissioners.
13 The petition required by subsection (c) of this section may
14 contain both the proposition to increase the number of
15 commissioners and the proposition for districting, or the
16 propositions may be circulated and submitted on separate
17 petitions. If the proposition for districting is not
18 approved, the commissioners shall represent the county on
19 at-large basis.

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

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