

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0212

Select committee on tribal relations.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating the select
2 committee on tribal relations as a statutory committee;
3 providing for appointment of members; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-11-601 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS

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28-11-601. Appointment of members; powers and duties.

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1 (a) Not later than March 15 following each general
2 election, a select committee on tribal relations shall be
3 appointed subject to the following:

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5 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint
6 three (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as
7 possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
8 membership of the majority and minority parties of the
9 senate, provided not more than two (2) of the members shall
10 be from the same political party. The president of the
11 senate shall designate a co-chairman of the select
12 committee;

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14 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives
15 shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as
16 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
17 membership of the majority and minority parties of the
18 house, provided not more than two (2) of the members shall
19 be from the same political party. The speaker of the house
20 shall designate a co-chairman of the select committee.

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22 (b) The select committee shall:

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1 (i) Develop knowledge and expertise among its
2 members regarding matters pertaining to Indian tribes in
3 the state and services and needs on the Wind River Indian
4 Reservation. Consideration of the topics in this paragraph
5 shall include health and safety, water, education,
6 transportation, gaming, communications, law enforcement and
7 legal services, infrastructure, land and resources,
8 minerals, revenue, economic development and other issues
9 that are a concern to the residents on and near the Wind
10 River Indian Reservation as approved by management council;

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12 (ii) Facilitate and foster communication and
13 robust working relationships among state, tribal, federal
14 and local entities and pursue opportunities for encouraging
15 economic growth, nondiscrimination and wellbeing for
16 residents of the Wind River Indian Reservation and
17 neighboring communities;

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19 (iii) Develop and introduce legislation as
20 necessary. If any draft legislation developed by the select
21 committee relates to a topic area of a joint interim
22 committee the legislation shall be submitted to the
23 appropriate legislative committee for comment and

1 consideration prior to the joint interim committee's last
2 scheduled interim meeting.

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4 **Section 2.** Within thirty (30) days after the
5 effective date of this act the president of the senate and
6 the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
7 members to the select committee on tribal relations in
8 accordance with the requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(a), as
9 created by this act.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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