

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0181

Attorney general authority in bankruptcy actions.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 authorizing the attorney general to act jointly with or on
3 behalf of a county in bankruptcy proceedings; and providing
4 for an 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. 9-1-603 by creating a new subsection
9 (f) is amended to read:

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11 **9-1-603. Duties generally; retention of qualified**
12 **practicing attorneys; matters in which county or state is**
13 **party or has interest; assistance to county and district**
14 **attorneys in felony trials; coordination of county and**
15 **school safety activities; bankruptcy proceedings.**

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1 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 18-3-302(a)(i) or subsection
 2 (c) of this section, at the request of the board of county
 3 commissioners and if deemed advisable by the attorney
 4 general, the attorney general may consult with or act
 5 jointly with the county attorney or may act on behalf of
 6 the county in a bankruptcy proceeding where the county has
 7 an interest in collecting taxes from the entity seeking
 8 bankruptcy. The costs of the bankruptcy proceeding shall be
 9 allocated pursuant to an agreement between the state and
 10 the county.

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 12 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
 13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
 14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
 15 Constitution.

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 17 (END)