

ENROLLED ACT NO. 62, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to state legislative districts; providing definitions; providing legislative findings; providing a plan for state legislative districts based upon the 2020 census; providing for election of the senate; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 are repealed and recreated as 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 to read:

28-2-116. Legislative districts generally; definitions; legislative findings.

(a) As used in W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119:

(i) "Census block" means a geographic area of the state of Wyoming specified by the United States bureau of the census in accordance with the 2020 decennial census and identified uniquely by census block number;

(ii) "Voter tabulation district" or "VTD" means a geographic area of the state of Wyoming specified by the United States bureau of the census in accordance with the 2020 decennial census and identified by Wyoming VTD name and number;

(iii) "This act" means W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119.

(b) As used in W.S. 28-2-118 and 28-2-119 unless the context otherwise requires:

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(i) "Blocks" designates the entire census block as numbered by the United States bureau of the census for the 2020 decennial census within the named VTD and county is a part of the legislative district;

(ii) "(Name of) County" designates either that the entire named Wyoming county is within the legislative district or that a portion of the named Wyoming county as specified is within the legislative district;

(iii) "District (number)" designates the legislative district number assigned to a house or senate legislative district from which a legislator is elected under this act;

(iv) "VTD" designates either that the entire voter tabulation district as named by the United States bureau of the census for the 2020 decennial census within the named county is a part of the legislative district or that a portion of the named voter tabulation district within the named county as specified is a part of the legislative district.

(c) W.S. 28-2-118 creates legislative districts for the Wyoming senate and W.S. 28-2-119 creates legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives.

(d) The secretary of state shall maintain and make available for public inspection in a hardcopy or electronic format, or both, during regular business hours:

(i) The United States P.L. 94-171 data for the 2020 decennial census received by that office from the United States bureau of the census; and

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(ii) The list and geographic description of the legislative districts for the Wyoming senate as printed in "Attachment B" as referenced in W.S. 28-2-119(c) and enacted into law and the list and geographic description of the legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives as printed in "Attachment A" referenced in W.S. 28-2-119(b) and enacted into law.

(e) The legislature finds that:

(i) The deviations in population between legislative districts in this act are required to recognize county boundaries, communities of interest, common economic interests and historical representative practices in Wyoming;

(ii) This act further recognizes the difficulties in representation caused by geographic boundaries and the rural nature of Wyoming;

(iii) This act keeps whole more political subdivisions than other redistricting plans considered by the Wyoming legislature;

(iv) Through keeping political subdivisions and communities of interest as whole as possible, this act provides for effective and efficient election administration;

(v) The residents of Sheridan county school district number three are a community of interest with the residents of Johnson county through shared institutions and political history. The residents of Sheridan county school district number three typically conduct their business in Johnson county and have a shared economic interest with

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Johnson county. The residents of Sheridan county school district three have a shared educational interest with Johnson county. These connections and communities of interest between residents of Sheridan county school district three and Johnson county do not exist between the residents of Sheridan county school district three and Campbell county;

(vi) The factors listed in this subsection that create population deviations among legislative districts in this act are all legitimate considerations reasonably incident to the effectuation of a rational state policy.

28-2-117. Effective date of changes in legislative districts; election of holdover senators.

(a) Changes in all legislative districts are effective for the 2022 general election cycle and the sixty-seventh legislature.

(b) Members for senate districts designated as odd-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b) shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the 2022 general election. As provided in subsection (c) of this section, no election shall be held in 2022 for senate districts designated as even-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b) for which members were elected at the 2020 general election and nothing in this act shall affect the terms of those members. Members for senate districts designated as even-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b), shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the 2024 general election.

(c) A member elected in the 2020 general election for a senate district designated as an even-numbered district

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in W.S. 28-2-118(b) who has been removed from the district as a result of district boundary changes made by this act may continue to serve the remainder of the member's term for the district from which the member was elected.

(d) Nothing in this act otherwise affects the terms of members of the sixty-sixth legislature.

28-2-118. Senate legislative districts; list of nested house districts formed to create senate districts.

(a) Subsection (b) of this section creates legislative districts for the Wyoming senate consisting of the numbered legislative districts contained therein. There shall be one (1) senator elected from each legislative district as specified in subsection (b) of this section. If the senate district is listed with two (2) house districts in subsection (b) of this section, those senate districts shall consist of the entirety of the geographic area of the two (2) house districts listed in subsection (b) of this section for each senate district and as fully described in "Attachment A." All senate districts are fully described in "Attachment B."

(b) Senate districts shall be organized as follows:

(i) Senate District 1 - House Districts 1 and
52;

(ii) Senate District 2 - House Districts 6 and
62;

(iii) Senate District 3 - House Districts 2 and
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and 44;
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and 48;
and 60;
and 20;
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- (iv) Senate Districts 4 - House Districts 7 and
 - (v) Senate District 5 - House Districts 12 and
 - (vi) Senate District 6 - House Districts 4 and
 - (vii) Senate District 7 - House Districts 9 and
 - (viii) Senate District 8 - House Districts 11
 - (ix) Senate District 9 - House Districts 13 and
 - (x) Senate District 10 - House Districts 14 and
 - (xi) Senate District 11 - House Districts 15 and
 - (xii) Senate District 12 - House Districts 17
 - (xiii) Senate District 13 - House Districts 39
 - (xiv) Senate District 14 - House Districts 18
 - (xv) Senate District 15 - House Districts 19 and

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- and 22; (xvi) Senate District 16 - House Districts 21
- and 23; (xvii) Senate District 17 - House Districts 16
- and 50; (xviii) Senate District 18 - House Districts 24
- and 26; (xix) Senate District 19 - House Districts 25
- 28; (xx) Senate District 20 - House Districts 27 and
- (xxi) Senate District 21;
- (xxii) Senate District 22;
- and 31; (xxiii) Senate District 23 - House Districts 3
- and 53; (xxiv) Senate District 24 - House Districts 32
- and 54; (xxv) Senate District 25 - House Districts 33
- and 55; (xxvi) Senate District 26 - House Districts 34
- and 36; (xxvii) Senate District 27 - House Districts 35

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(xxviii) Senate District 28 - House Districts 56
and 57;

(xxix) Senate District 29 - House Districts 37
and 59;

(xxx) Senate District 30 - House Districts 38
and 58; and

(xxxi) Senate District 31 - House Districts 43
and 61.

(c) [See Attachment B.](#)

**28-2-119. House legislative districts; lists of
census blocks for split voter tabulation districts in the
house of representatives.**

(a) Subsection (b) of this section creates legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives consisting of the numbered legislative districts contained therein. There shall be one (1) representative elected from each legislative district as specified in subsection (b) of this section. The area within a county, voter tabulation district or census block as provided in paragraphs (i) through (iii) of this subsection is determined using the United States bureau of the census topologically integrated geographic encoding and referencing data base (TIGER®). Each numbered legislative district in subsection (b) of this section consists of the combined geographic area within the:

(i) Entire specified county, if the county alone is listed with no geographic subdivision listed below it;

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(ii) Voter tabulation district, if any are listed below the specified county; and

(iii) Census block, if any are listed below the specified voter tabulation district. A census block listed below a voter tabulation district indicates a split voter tabulation district.

(b) [See Attachment A.](#)

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk