

SENATE FILE NO. SF0057

Chancery court vacancy amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; amending requirements for
2 filling chancery court vacancies; amending persons
3 qualified for temporary assignment of chancery court
4 duties; and providing 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. 5-13-109(a)(ii), by creating new
9 paragraphs (iv) and (v) and (b) is amended to read:

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11 **5-13-109. Temporary assignment to fill vacancies;**
12 **appointments to fill vacancies in office.**

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14 (a) Prior to the appointment of a chancery court
15 judge under subsection (b) of this section or in the event
16 a chancery court judge appointed under W.S. 5-13-107 dies,

1 becomes unable or unwilling to perform the duties of his
2 office, the supreme court may temporarily assign the duties
3 of chancery court judge to be performed by a person who
4 meets the qualifications set forth in W.S. 5-13-108. Any
5 assignment shall be made to:

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7 (ii) A retired district court judge; ~~or~~

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9 (iv) A special master; or

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11 (v) A magistrate.

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13 (b) Beginning ~~March 1, 2023~~ January 1, 2024, the
14 office of judge of the chancery court and any vacancies
15 therein shall be filled as provided by W.S. 5-13-107.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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