



**HB0144**

**Senior citizen district programs and services.**

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Strock, Locke, Slagle and Styvar  
and Senator(s) Boner

AN ACT relating to senior citizen service districts; specifying how senior citizen service revenues may be expended; specifying requirements for the provision of services and programs; and providing for an effective date.

1/16/2023 Bill Number Assigned  
1/17/2023 H Received for Introduction  
1/18/2023 H Introduced and Referred to H03 - Revenue  
1/24/2023 H03 - Revenue:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Bear, Byron, Harshman, Locke, Northrup, Oakley, Storer, Strock, Zwonitzer

**Ayes** 9    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

1/24/2023 H Placed on General File

**HB0144HS001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 9 Reinsert stricken "Establishment" and insert ",".

Page 2-line 15 After "Programs" insert "or services".

Page 2-line 18 After "health," insert "mental health, dementia services,". HARSHMAN, CHAIRMAN

1/26/2023 H COW:Passed

**HB0144H2001/FAILED**

Page 1-line 3 After "expended;" insert "specifying applicability;".

Page 3-after line 3 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"**Section 2.** The expansion of senior citizen service district programs and services under this act are authorized to occur between the effective date of this act and the next time a ballot proposition to impose a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors under W.S. 18-15-102(d). At that time, the expansion of district programs and services shall be included on the ballot proposition and shall be approved by the resident electors before any expansion continues to occur under this act.".

Page 3-line 5 Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**". NEIMAN, SLAGLE

**HB0144H2002/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 23 After "designated" insert "specifically". STROCK

1/27/2023 H 2nd Reading:Passed

**HB0144H3001/ADOPTED**

Page 1-line 3 After "expended;" insert "specifying applicability;".

Page 3-after line 3 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"**Section 2.** The expansion of senior citizen service district programs and services under this act shall not occur until the next time a ballot proposition to impose a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors under W.S. 18-15-102(d). The proposed expansion of district programs and services shall be included on the ballot proposition and shall be approved by the resident electors before any expansion of programs or services occurs under this act."

Page 3-line 5 Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**". NEIMAN

**HB0144H3002/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 15 Reinsert stricken "The expansion of existing".  
HENDERSON

**HB0144H3003/ADOPTED**

(CORRECTED COPY)

Page 2-line 23 After "citizens" insert "and that are operated by the senior citizen service district or another governmental entity". ZWONITZER, DN

**HB0144H3004/FAILED**

Delete the Neiman third reading amendment (HB0144H3001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 3 After "expended;" insert "specifying applicability;".

Page 3-after line 3 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"**Section 2.** When a senior citizen service district has an excess of twenty-five percent (25%) or more above the amount needed for its necessary expenses, the district may use those excess funds for the expansion of district programs and services authorized under this act for the time period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending the next time a ballot proposition to impose a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors under W.S. 18-15-102(d). At that time, the expansion of district programs and services shall be included on the ballot proposition and shall be approved by the resident electors before any expansion continues to occur under this act."

Page 3-line 5 Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**". STROCK

1/30/2023 H 3rd Reading:Passed 56-3-3-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Allred, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Berger, Burkhart, Jr, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Henderson, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Larsen, Lloyd, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Niemiec, Northrup, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Ward, Washut, Western, Winter, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Nays:** Representative(s) Brown, Crago, Oakley

**Excused:** Representative(s) Conrad, Larson, Jt, Wylie

**Ayes** 56    **Nays** 3    **Excused** 3    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

1/30/2023 S Received for Introduction

2/13/2023 S Introduced and Referred to S07 - Corporations

2/17/2023 S07 - Corporations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Barlow, Boner, Case, Landen, Scott  
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/17/2023 S Placed on General File

HB0144SS001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 8 After "W.S." insert "18-15-104(b) by creating a new paragraph (vii) and".

Page 1-line 9 Delete "is" and insert "are".

Page 1-after line 9 Insert:

"18-15-104. District a body corporate; name; powers.

(b) The district may:

(vii) Designate proposed district programs and services pursuant to W.S. 18-15-111(a) that shall be included on a ballot proposition to be approved by the resident electors of the district."

Page 2-line 16 Before "expansion" insert "continuation or the".

Page 2-line 17 After "services" insert ", or the establishment of new programs or services,".

Page 3-line 1 Delete "specifically".

Page 3-line 2 Delete "or" and insert ",".

Page 3-line 3 After "entity" insert "or nonprofit corporations to provide affordable housing to senior citizens within the district".

Page 3-line 8 After "**Section 2.**" insert "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,"; delete "expansion of".

Page 3-line 9 After "services" insert "provided"

Page 3-line 14 After "electors" insert ", as provided under W.S. 18-15-104(b)(vii),".

Page 3-after line 15 Insert:

"(b) A district may designate proposed senior citizen service district programs or services under this act before the next time a ballot proposition to impose a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors under W.S. 18-15-102(d) that will use existing district funds, provided that the district shall:

(i) Determine the anticipated expenditures for the proposed programs or services;

(ii) Hold a public hearing on the proposed programs or services;

(iii) Publish a description of the proposed programs or services and the date, time and place of the public hearing not less than one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district within thirty (30) days of the public hearing; and

(vi) Maintain a balance of not less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the account established for the district under W.S. 18-15-111(a) at the time the programs or services are proposed.". LANDEN, ACTING CHAIRMAN

**HB0144SW001/ADOPTED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-line 3 After "expended;" insert "requiring proposed senior citizen service district programs and services to be included on ballot propositions;".

Page 1-line 8 Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0144SS001/AE) to this line; after "W.S." insert "18-15-102(b)(ii) by creating a new subparagraph (D), (c) and (d),".

Page 1-line 9 Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0144SS001/AE) to this line; after "(iv)" delete "is" and insert "and by creating new subsections (c) and (d) are".

Page 1-after line 9 Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0144SS001/AE) to this line.

Page 1-after line 9 Insert:

**"18-15-102. Formation of district; mill levy.**

(b) Any board of county commissioners shall submit the question of establishing a special district to the county clerk not later than the first Monday in June in even-numbered years for submission of the question of establishing the special district to the resident electors of the proposed district at the next primary election if:

(ii) The board of county commissioners receives a petition for the establishment of a special district signed by qualified electors resident in the proposed district equal in number to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the voters resident in the proposed district who voted in the last general election. The county clerk shall verify the signatures before consideration by the board pursuant to this paragraph. The petition shall state:

(D) The senior citizen programs and services that the proposed district will provide in the proposed district.

(c) The ballot proposition for formation of a district shall appear substantially as follows:

Shall the (name of district) senior citizen service district be established to provide the following programs and services (listing of the proposed programs and services), with a maximum levy of .... mills (not to exceed two (2) mills) to be imposed on the taxable property of the district?

Yes  No

(d) If the proposition to authorize a mill levy and to provide the specified proposed programs and services is approved by the qualified electors of the proposed district, the proposition to impose a levy in the same or at a different amount not to exceed two (2) mills, shall be submitted to the resident electors within the proposed district at the first general election held two (2) years after the election authorizing the district and every four (4) years thereafter, until defeated. If the proposition to impose or continue a mill levy is defeated, the proposition shall not be submitted to the electors for a period of not less than one (1) year."

Page 1-line 12

After "requirements" insert "; expansion of the provision of services".

Page 3-after line 6

Insert:

"(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any senior citizen service district seeking to expand the services provided by the district using the revenues collected under the tax levy authorized by W.S. 18-15-110 on or after July 1, 2023 shall not provide the additional programs or services until the next time a ballot proposition to impose or renew a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors as required by this chapter. The question of the proposed expansion or addition of district programs and services shall be included as a ballot proposition on the ballot for imposing or renewing a mill levy.

(d) Between July 1, 2023 and the date on which a district is required to renew a mill levy in accordance with this chapter, a district may designate and provide additional senior citizen service district programs or services under this chapter. The provision of additional programs or services under this subsection shall be in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Before providing the additional services or programs, the district shall:

(A) Determine the anticipated expenditures for the proposed additional programs or services;

(B) Hold a public hearing on the proposed additional programs or services;

(C) Publish a description of the proposed additional programs or services and the date, time and place of the public hearing not less than one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and not later than thirty (30) days before the public hearing;

(D) Maintain a balance of not less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the account established for the district under subsection (a) of this section at the time the additional programs or services are proposed.

(ii) The additional programs or services provided under this subsection shall only use existing revenues of the district;

(iii) The provision of additional programs or services shall cease if the ballot proposition for providing the additional programs or services is

not adopted at the election for imposing or renewing a mill levy under this chapter."

Page 3-lines 8 through 15 Delete entirely including the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0144SS001/AE) to these lines.

Page 3-after line 15 Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (HB0144SS001/AE) to this line.

Page 3-line 17 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 2.**". BONER

2/21/2023 S COW:Passed  
2/22/2023 S 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/23/2023 S 3rd Reading:Passed 17-14-0-0-0

#### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, French, Furphy, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, Mckeown, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

**Nays:** Senator(s) Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, Gierau, Hicks, Jones, Kinskey, Kolb, Landen, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Steinmetz

**Ayes 17 Nays 14 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/23/2023 H Received for Concurrence  
2/27/2023 H Concur:Failed 22-40-0-0-0

#### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Berger, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings, Knapp, Locke, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Slagle, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Winter

**Nays:** Representative(s) Allred, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brown, Burkhart, Jr, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Crago, Eklund, Harshman, Henderson, Hornok, Larsen, Lloyd, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Newsome, Niemiec, Northrup, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Pendergraft, Penn, Provenza, Singh, Smith, Storer, Walters, Ward, Washut, Western, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Ayes 22 Nays 40 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/27/2023 H Appointed JCC01 Members  
Representative(s) Strock, Banks, Crago  
2/27/2023 S Appointed JCC01 Members  
Senator(s) Boner, Case, Schuler  
3/1/2023 H Adopted HB0144JC001: 54-7-1-0-0

#### HB0144JC001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following Senate amendments:  
HB0144SS001/A  
HB0144SW001/A

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Page 1-line 3 Delete "specifying applicability;" and insert "specifying requirements for the provision of services and programs;".

Page 1-line 9 After "(iv)" insert "and by creating new subsections (c) and (d)."

Page 1-line 12                   After "requirements" insert "; expansion of the provision of services".

Page 2-line 16                 Before "expansion" insert "continuation or the".

Page 2-line 17                 After "services" insert ", or the establishment of new programs or services,".

Page 3-line 1                  Delete "specifically".

Page 3-line 3                  After "entity" insert "to provide affordable housing to senior citizens within the district".

Page 3-after line 6            Insert:

"(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any senior citizen service district seeking to expand the services provided by the district using the revenues collected under the tax levy authorized by W.S. 18-15-110 on or after July 1, 2023 shall not provide the additional programs or services until the next time a ballot proposition to impose or renew a mill levy is submitted to the resident electors as required by this chapter. The question of the proposed expansion or addition of district programs and services shall be included as a ballot proposition on the ballot for imposing or renewing a mill levy.

(d) Between July 1, 2023 and the date on which a district is required to renew a mill levy in accordance with this chapter, a district may designate and provide additional senior citizen service district programs or services under this chapter. The provision of additional programs or services under this subsection shall be in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Before providing the additional services or programs, the district shall:

(A) Determine the anticipated expenditures for the proposed additional programs or services;

(B) Hold a public hearing on the proposed additional programs or services;

(C) Publish a description of the proposed additional programs or services and the date, time and place of the public hearing not less than one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and not later than thirty (30) days before the public hearing;

(D) Maintain a balance of not less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the account established for the district under subsection (a) of this section at the time the additional programs or services are proposed.

(ii) The additional programs or services provided under this subsection shall only use existing revenues of the district;

(iii) The provision of additional programs or services shall cease if the ballot proposition for providing the additional programs or services is not adopted at the election for imposing or renewing a mill levy under this chapter."

Page 3-lines 8 through 15 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 17 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 2.**". STROCK, BANKS, CRAGO, BONER, CASE, SCHULER

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Allred, Andrew, Banks, Bear, Berger, Burkhart, Jr, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Crago, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Larsen, Lloyd, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Niemiec, Northrup, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Ward, Washut, Western, Winter, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Nays:** Representative(s) Angelos, Brown, Henderson, Larson, Jt, Oakley, Penn, Provenza

**Excused:** Representative Byron

**Ayes** 54      **Nays** 7      **Excused** 1      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

3/2/2023      S Adopted HB0144JC001: 19-11-1-0-0

**HB0144JC001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Delete the following Senate amendments:

HB0144SS001/A

HB0144SW001/A

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Page 1-line 3      Delete "specifying applicability;" and insert "specifying requirements for the provision of services and programs;".

Page 1-line 9      After "(iv)" insert "and by creating new subsections (c) and (d)."

Page 1-line 12      After "**requirements**" insert "**; expansion of the provision of services**".

Page 2-line 16      Before "expansion" insert "continuation or the".

Page 2-line 17      After "services" insert ", or the establishment of new programs or services,".

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Page 3-line 3      After "entity" insert "to provide affordable housing to senior citizens within the district".

Page 3-after line 6      Insert:

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the proposed expansion or addition of district programs and services shall be included as a ballot proposition on the ballot for imposing or renewing a mill levy.

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(D) Maintain a balance of not less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the account established for the district under subsection (a) of this section at the time the additional programs or services are proposed.

(ii) The additional programs or services provided under this subsection shall only use existing revenues of the district;

(iii) The provision of additional programs or services shall cease if the ballot proposition for providing the additional programs or services is not adopted at the election for imposing or renewing a mill levy under this chapter."

Page 3-lines 8 through 15 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 17 Delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 2.". STROCK, BANKS, CRAGO, BONER, CASE, SCHULER

#### ROLL CALL

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, Furphy, Gierau, Jones, Landen, Nethercott, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott

**Nays:** Senator(s) Biteman, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Kinskey, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Salazar, Steinmetz

**Excused:** Senator President Driskill

**Ayes 19 Nays 11 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

3/2/2023 Assigned Number HEA No. 0090  
3/2/2023 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0090  
3/3/2023 S President Signed HEA No. 0090  
3/9/2023 Governor Signed HEA No. 0090  
3/9/2023 Assigned Chapter Number 162

