

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0151

Predator management district appointments and terms.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lien

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to predator management districts; amending
2 predator management advisory board director term periods;
3 requiring sportsman and hunter directors to have held a
4 valid fishing or hunting license within the previous
5 twenty-four months; removing staggered term limits for
6 sportsmen and hunter directors; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-202(a)(i), (ii), (iv) and (v) is
12 amended to read:

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14 **11-6-202. Administration of districts by district**
15 **boards; number and qualifications of members; term; filling**
16 **of vacancies; removal.**

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2 (a) The affairs of each district shall be
3 administered by a board of directors, each of whom shall be
4 a bona fide resident of Wyoming. Directors for the
5 positions identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this
6 subsection shall be elected at an annual meeting of
7 district livestock owners. Directors for the positions
8 identified in paragraphs (iv) and (v) of this subsection
9 shall be appointed as described. The composition of the
10 board shall be as follows:

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12 (i) Three (3) directors shall be sheep owners
13 having paid predator management fees on sheep in the
14 district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent
15 annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected
16 for a three (3) year term, and no director shall serve more
17 than nine (9) years. Subject to the provisions of W.S.
18 11-6-203(a), all sheep owners whether an individual,
19 corporation or partnership, having paid predator management
20 fees on sheep in the district regardless of the domicile of
21 the sheep, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

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1 (ii) Three (3) directors shall be cattle owners
2 having paid predator management fees on cattle in the
3 district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent
4 annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected
5 for a three (3) year term, and no director shall serve more
6 than nine (9) years. Subject to the provisions of W.S.
7 11-6-203(a), all cattle owners whether an individual,
8 corporation or partnership, having paid predator management
9 fees on cattle in the district regardless of the domicile
10 of the cattle, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

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12 (iv) The board of county commissioners shall
13 appoint ~~one (1) director~~ two (2) directors to serve for an
14 initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for three (3)
15 year terms from electors in the county not engaged in
16 raising sheep or cattle. No ~~appointed member may~~ director
17 shall serve for a ~~consecutive~~ period of more than ~~six (6)~~
18 nine (9) years;

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20 (v) If the board of directors determines state
21 funds are necessary for an effective predator management
22 program to assure the statutory requirements provided in
23 W.S. 11-6-205 are fulfilled and state funds are

1 appropriated and received for that purpose, then three (3)
2 directors representing sportsmen and hunters from the
3 district shall be appointed to the board of directors by
4 the county commissioners serving the local district.
5 Sportsmen and hunter representatives shall be bona fide
6 residents of the district not engaged in raising sheep or
7 cattle and shall hold or have held a valid Wyoming fishing
8 or hunting license within the preceding ~~twelve~~(12)
9 twenty-four (24) month period. County commissioners, to
10 the greatest extent practical, shall select sportsmen and
11 hunter representatives to ensure representation from as
12 broad a geographic distribution of the district as
13 possible. The ~~county commissioners shall determine who of~~
14 ~~the~~ three (3) sportsmen and hunter directors appointed to a
15 board under this paragraph shall serve ~~an~~ initial ~~term~~
16 terms of ~~one~~ (1) year, ~~who shall serve an initial term of~~
17 (2) years and ~~who thereafter~~ shall serve ~~a term for terms~~
18 of three (3) years. ~~Thereafter, each term shall be for~~
19 ~~three~~ (3) No sportsman and hunter director shall serve for
20 a period of more than nine (9) years.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2026.

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