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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Digital ledger filing system development.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial  
Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the office of the secretary of state;  
2 requiring the secretary of state to develop a blockchain or  
3 other distributed ledger filing system; providing  
4 recommendations for the filing system; providing  
5 definitions; authorizing the promulgation of rules;  
6 creating an account; providing an appropriation for  
7 developing a new filing system as specified; and providing  
8 for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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2 (a) The University of Wyoming center for blockchain  
3 and digital innovation in collaboration with the secretary  
4 of state shall develop a filing system through which all  
5 required filings, as defined in paragraph (c)(iii) of this  
6 section, may be submitted and:

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8 (i) Blockchain technology or other distributed  
9 ledger technology shall be the technological framework for  
10 the filing system. This may include an application  
11 programming interface, security measures, authenticated  
12 digital corporate identity and other components determined  
13 by the secretary of state to be best practices and likely  
14 to increase the effective and efficient administration of  
15 the laws of this state;

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17 (ii) The filing system shall allow for existing  
18 and potential future blockchain or other distributed ledger  
19 technology based filings including a digital asset lien  
20 registry, digital identity registration, and digital asset  
21 registration;

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1           (iii) The University of Wyoming center for  
2 blockchain and digital innovation may develop a blockchain  
3 or other distributed ledger technology for the purposes of  
4 this section or explore contracting for the use of a  
5 privately created blockchain or other distributed ledger  
6 technology as necessary.

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8           (b) The University of Wyoming center for blockchain  
9 and digital innovation and the secretary of state may:

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11           (i) Consult with interested parties before  
12 developing the filing system required by subsection (a) of  
13 this section, including businesses, registered agents,  
14 attorneys, law enforcement and other interested persons;  
15 and

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17           (ii) If necessary, partner with technology  
18 innovators and private companies to develop necessary  
19 components of the filing system.

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21           (c) As used in this section:

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1           (i) "Application programming interface" means a  
2 computer software intermediary or protocol which allows two  
3 (2) or more distinct software applications to interact;

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5           (ii) "Blockchain" means a digital ledger or  
6 database that is chronological, consensus-based,  
7 decentralized and mathematically verified in nature;

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9           (iii) "Required filings" means all documents,  
10 reports, data and other information required by law to be  
11 filed with the secretary of state.

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13       **Section 2.** The secretary of state may adopt rules to  
14 implement this act.

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16       **Section 3.**

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18       (a) Beginning on April 1, 2025 the first two million  
19 dollars (\$2,000,000.00) collected under W.S. 17-16-1630  
20 shall be deposited in the digital ledger filing system  
21 account which is hereby created.

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1 (b) There is appropriated two million dollars  
2 (\$2,000,000.00) from the digital ledger filing system  
3 account to the University of Wyoming center for blockchain  
4 and digital innovation for purposes of this act. This  
5 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
6 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2027. This  
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
8 other purpose and, notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-  
9 1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds  
10 remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the  
11 general fund on June 30, 2027.

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

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