

SUMMARY of PROCEEDINGS



REAPPORTIONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION

September 25, 2025
Weston County Senior Citizen Center, Michael's Meeting Room
627 Pine Street
Newcastle, Wyoming

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman
Representative Christopher Knapp, Co-Chairman
Senator Brian Boner
Senator Cheri Steinmetz
Representative Steve Johnson
Representative Nina Webber

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE STAFF

Matt Obrecht, Director
Heather Hunter, Legislative Editor

OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Please refer to ([Appendix 1-02](#)) to review the Committee Sign-in Sheet for a list of other individuals who attended the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Reapportionment Subcommittee of the Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Joint Interim Committee (Subcommittee) met for one day in Newcastle to discuss the history and principles of redistricting and the constitutional apportionment of legislators. The Subcommittee received testimony from the public on alternatives for redistricting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairman Case called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following sections summarize the Subcommittee proceedings by topic. Please refer to [\(Appendix 1-01\)](#) to review the Subcommittee Meeting Agenda. The meeting recording is available on the Wyoming Legislature's YouTube page, [September 25](#).

INTRODUCTIONS AND PURPOSE

Co-Chairman Case introduced members and discussed the purpose of the Subcommittee.

REVIEW OF SF174 CONSTITUTIONAL APPORTIONMENT OF LEGISLATORS

Matt Obrecht, Director, Legislative Service Office (LSO), provided an overview of 2025 Senate File 174, Constitutional Apportionment of Legislators, which requires study of legislative apportionment during the 2025 interim. Director Obrecht summarized the bill, which includes legislative findings concerning Article 3, Section 3 of the Wyoming Constitution, providing that each county shall constitute one senatorial and one representative district and Article 3, Section 48, requiring the legislature to reapportion its membership after each federal census. The findings further provide that the Legislature shall ensure a good faith effort to apportion itself as required by the Wyoming Constitution and the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution [\(Appendix 2-01\)](#).

Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Secretary Chuck Gray, Wyoming Secretary of State Office
- Joey Correnti, Rural Wyoming Matters
- William Curley, Weston County

HISTORY AND PRINCIPLES OF REDISTRICTING

Constitutional considerations

Director Obrecht provided an overview of redistricting and a legal history of reapportionment in the United States and in Wyoming. He explained the conflict between the Wyoming Constitution's requirement for county-based districting and the "one person, one vote" principles of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. He discussed relevant court rulings, including cases dealing with weighted or fractional voting systems. He also discussed possible long-term options to address the conflict including amending the Wyoming Constitution [\(Appendix 3-01\)](#).

Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Tricia Baumann, Weston County

- Mr. Curley
- Commissioner Marty Ertman, Weston County

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Baumann and Mr. Curley discussed their alternative proposal, which outlines a population-adjusted voting system to apportion the Legislature to comply with both the Wyoming and United States Constitution ([Appendix 4-01](#)).

Sue Mireles and Ms. Baumann discussed their hybrid proposal (The Founders' Plan) that strictly follows county lines. Ms. Mireles stated this formula would ensure voting power deviations stay below 1.40% (House) and 3.80% (Senate), and it would guarantee that each county has at least one representative and one senator ([Appendix 4-02](#)).

Allen Slagle discussed his proposal, which provides that each county has at least one representative and one senator.

Danny Bau provided public comment and does not support weighted votes.

Speaker Chip Neiman, Wyoming House of Representatives, does not have a plan but believes that we should follow the Wyoming Constitution.

Representative J.D. Williams, Wyoming House of Representatives, thanked the Subcommittee for coming to Newcastle and listening to its people.

Carl Lacy, Weston County, believes the Wyoming Constitution should be followed.

Dan Fouch thanked the Subcommittee.

Mr. Correnti discussed weighted voting and believes there should be joint rules.

Secretary Gray indicated he believes weighted voting should be considered.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Case adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman

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