



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

What is Nesting?

Currently, each Wyoming State Senate district encompasses the entirety of two contiguous House districts. This process is referred to as "nesting" two House districts within each Senate district. This method for determining Senate districts ensures that everyone in a particular House district has the same senator and also helps reduce the need for multiple ballots. "Nesting" requires that the Wyoming Senate have exactly twice as many members as the Wyoming House of Representatives. Currently, the Senate has 30 members and the House of Representatives has 60 members.

The Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee (the Committee), which is tasked by legislative leadership to develop a bill which redistricts the legislature following the 2020 census for introduction at the 2022 Budget Session, adopted a principle for its redistricting plan that "consideration should be given to two (2) contiguous House districts in each Senate district." **It should be noted that while the Committee will consider nested House districts, it may choose to nest different House districts into Senate districts than are currently nested.** The Committee may do this because a proposed redistricting plan would better reflect communities of interest if the House districts are combined in a different manner or because "renesting" would make the administration of elections simpler and reduce voter confusion and voter error.

For each Committee Senate plan which is created and placed on the Legislature's redistricting website, redistricting legislative staff will create a corresponding chart of proposed, nested House districts.

Following is a chart of the House districts nested into each Senate district as determined by the Legislature following the 2010 census (see W.S. 28-2-118(b)). Again, this nesting configuration is subject to change following adopt of new Senate district boundaries during the 2022 Budget Session.

Nested House Districts in Senate Districts – 66th Legislature

Current Enacted Senate Districts (SD)	Current Nested House Districts (HD)	County(ies)
SD 01	HD 01 and HD 52	Campbell, Crook, Weston
SD 02	HD 04 and HD 06	Platte, Converse
SD 03	HD 02 and HD 05	Weston, Niobrara, Goshen
SD 04	HD 07 and HD 41	Laramie
SD 05	HD 08 and HD 42	Laramie
SD 06	HD 09 and HD 10	Laramie, Goshen
SD 07	HD 11 and HD 43	Laramie
SD 08	HD 12 and HD 44	Laramie
SD 09	HD 13 and HD 45	Albany
SD 10	HD 14 and HD 46	Albany
SD 11	HD 15 and HD 47	Carbon, Sweetwater, Albany
SD 12	HD 17 and HD 48	Sweetwater
SD 13	HD 39 and HD 60	Sweetwater
SD 14	HD 18 and HD 20	Sublette, Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta
SD 15	HD 19 and HD 49	Uinta
SD 16	HD 21 and HD 22	Sublette, Teton, Lincoln
SD 17	HD 16 and HD 23	Teton
SD 18	HD 24 and HD 50	Park
SD 19	HD 25 and HD 26	Big Horn, Park
SD 20	HD 27 and HD 28	Hot Springs, Park, Big Horn, Fremont, Washakie
SD 21	HD 29 and HD 51	Sheridan
SD 22	HD 30 and HD 40	Johnson, Sheridan
SD 23	HD 03 and HD 31	Campbell, Converse
SD 24	HD 32 and HD 53	Campbell
SD 25	HD 33 and HD 54	Fremont
SD 26	HD 34 and HD 55	Fremont
SD 27	HD 35 and HD 36	Natrona
SD 28	HD 56 and HD 57	Natrona
SD 29	HD 37 and HD 59	Natrona
SD 30	HD 38 and HD 58	Natrona