

# STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 2012

## Chapter 8

### REDISTRICTING OF THE LEGISLATURE

Original House Bill No. 32

AN ACT relating to state legislative districts; providing definitions; providing a plan for state legislative districts based upon the 2010 census; providing for election of the senate; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 are repealed and recreated as W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119 to read:

#### CHAPTER 2 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF MEMBERS

##### **28-2-116. Legislative districts generally; definitions.**

(a) As used in W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119:

(i) "Census block" means a geographic area of the state of Wyoming specified by the United States bureau of the census in accordance with the 2010 decennial census and identified uniquely by census block number;

(ii) "Voter tabulation district" or "VTD" means a geographic area of the state of Wyoming specified by the United States bureau of the census in accordance with the 2010 decennial census and identified by Wyoming VTD name and number;

(iii) "This act" means W.S. 28-2-116 through 28-2-119.

(b) As used in W.S. 28-2-118 and 28-2-119 unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) "Blocks" designates the entire census block as numbered by the United States bureau of the census for the 2010 decennial census within the named VTD and county is a part of the legislative district;

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(ii) “(Name of) County” designates either that the entire named Wyoming county is within the legislative district or that a portion of the named Wyoming county as specified is within the legislative district;

(iii) “District (number)” designates the legislative district number assigned to a house or senate legislative district from which a legislator is elected under this act;

(iv) “VTD” designates either that the entire voter tabulation district as named by the United States bureau of the census for the 2010 decennial census within the named county is a part of the legislative district or that a portion of the named voter tabulation district within the named county as specified is a part of the legislative district.

(c) W.S. 28-2-118 creates legislative districts for the Wyoming senate and W.S. 28-2-119 creates legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives.

(d) The secretary of state shall maintain and make available for public inspection in a hardcopy or electronic format, or both, during regular business hours:

(i) The United States Public Law 94-171 data for the 2010 decennial census received by that office from the United States bureau of the census; and

(ii) The list and geographic description of the legislative districts for the Wyoming senate as provided in W.S. 28-2-118(b) and enacted into law and the list and geographic description of the legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives as printed in “Attachment A” referenced in 28-2-119(b) and enacted into law.

### **28-2-117. Effective date of changes in legislative districts; election of holdover senators.**

(a) Changes in all legislative districts are effective for the 2012 general election cycle and the sixty-second legislature.

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(b) Members for senate districts designated as even-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b) shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the 2012 general election. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no election shall be held in 2012 for senate districts designated as odd-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b) for which members were elected at the 2010 general election and nothing in this act shall affect the terms of those members, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section. Members for senate districts designated as odd-numbered districts in W.S. 28-2-118(b) shall be elected for a term of four (4) years at the 2014 general election.

(c) A member elected in the 2010 general election for a senate district designated as an odd numbered district in W.S. 28-2-118(b) who has been removed from his district as a result of district boundary changes made by this act may continue to serve the remainder of his term for the district from which he was elected.

(d) Nothing in this act otherwise affects the terms of members of the sixty-first legislature.

### **28-2-118. Senate legislative districts; list of nested house districts formed to create senate districts.**

(a) Subsection (b) of this section creates legislative districts for the Wyoming senate consisting of the numbered legislative districts contained therein. There shall be one (1) senator elected from each legislative district as specified in subsection (b) of this section. Senate districts shall consist of the entirety of the geographic area of the two (2) house districts listed in subsection (b) of this section for each senate district and as fully described in "Attachment A".

(b) Senate districts shall consist of the entirety of the geographic area of the following two (2) house districts per senate district:

(i) Senate District 1 – House Districts 1 and 52;

(ii) Senate District 2 – House Districts 4 and 6;

(iii) Senate District 3 – House Districts 2 and 5;

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- (iv) Senate District 4 – House Districts 7 and 41;
- (v) Senate District 5 – House Districts 8 and 42;
- (vi) Senate District 6 – House Districts 9 and 10;
- (vii) Senate District 7 – House Districts 11 and 43;
- (viii) Senate District 8 – House Districts 12 and 44;
- (ix) Senate District 9 – House Districts 13 and 45;
- (x) Senate District 10 – House Districts 14 and 46;
- (xi) Senate District 11 – House Districts 15 and 47;
- (xii) Senate District 12 – House Districts 17 and 48;
- (xiii) Senate District 13 – House Districts 39 and 60;
- (xiv) Senate District 14 – House Districts 18 and 20;
- (xv) Senate District 15 – House Districts 19 and 49;
- (xvi) Senate District 16 – House Districts 21 and 22;
- (xvii) Senate District 17 – House Districts 16 and 23;
- (xviii) Senate District 18 – House Districts 24 and 50;
- (xix) Senate District 19 – House Districts 25 and 26;
- (xx) Senate District 20 – House Districts 27 and 28;

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- (xxi) Senate District 21 – House Districts 29 and 51;
- (xxii) Senate District 22 – House Districts 30 and 40;
- (xxiii) Senate District 23 – House Districts 3 and 31;
- (xxiv) Senate District 24 – House Districts 32 and 53;
- (xxv) Senate District 25 – House Districts 33 and 54;
- (xxvi) Senate District 26 – House Districts 34 and 55;
- (xxvii) Senate District 27 – House Districts 35 and 36;
- (xxviii) Senate District 28 – House Districts 56 and 57;
- (xxix) Senate District 29 – House Districts 37 and 59; and
- (xxx) Senate District 30 – House Districts 38 and 58.

### **28-2-119. House legislative districts; lists of census blocks for split voter tabulation districts in the house of representatives.**

(a) Subsection (b) of this section creates legislative districts for the Wyoming house of representatives consisting of the numbered legislative districts contained therein. There shall be one (1) representative elected from each legislative district as specified in subsection (b) of this section. The area within a county, voter tabulation district or census block as provided in paragraphs (i) through

(iii) of this subsection is determined using the United States bureau of the census topologically integrated geographic encoding and referencing data base (TIGER®). Each numbered legislative district in subsection (b) of this section consists of the combined geographic area within the:

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(i) Entire specified county, if the county alone is listed with no geographic subdivision listed below it;

(ii) Voter tabulation district, if any are listed below the particular county

(iii) Census block, if any are listed below the particular voter tabulation district. A census block listed below a voter tabulation district indicates a split voter tabulation district.

(b) (See Attachment A)

**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

### ATTACHMENT A

ATTACHMENT "A" CONSISTS OF THE LISTS OF COUNTIES, VOTER TABULATION DISTRICTS AND CENSUS BLOCKS WHICH MAKE UP THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE SIXTY (60) SINGLE MEMBER HOUSE DISTRICTS CREATED BY THIS ACT. ATTACHMENT "A" IS NOT REPRODUCED IN THE 2012 SESSION LAWS BUT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE PURSUANT TO W.S. 28-2-116.

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