

# CHAPTER 73.

## LEGISLATURE.

AN ACT Apportioning the Territory of Wyoming into Council and Representative Districts, and for Other Purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming:*

SECTION 1. [*Repealed by succeeding act, approved December 2nd, 1873.*]

How apportioned.

SEC. 2. The members of the council and house of representatives shall be apportioned among the several counties according to the population thereof, as shall appear by the census of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, as taken by the United States.

Who shall apportion.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the members of the present legislature, in their respective council and representative districts, between the first and fifteenth days of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, to select one member of the council, or house of representatives, from each council district, who, when so selected, shall meet at the capital of the Territory between the fifteenth and thirtieth days of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and proceed to apportion the members of the council and house of representatives, as provided by this act.

How organized.

SEC. 4. At the meeting of the persons herein provided for, they shall organize as a "board of apportionment" by selecting one of their members chairman, and some outside person secretary, and shall proceed to apportion, among the several counties, the members of the council and house of representatives to be elected at the general election following.

What shall be a council district.

SEC. 5. In making such apportionment, the said board shall recognize each county as a council district, and shall divide the whole population of the Territory by nine, and give to each county as many members of the council as such county shall contain ninths of the population; and in case of any fraction less than one-ninth, the counties having the largest fractions respectively, shall be entitled to the remaining members, the highest fraction being entitled first, and the second next, and so on.\*

\* See sections 1 and 2 of next succeeding act.

SEC. 6. The same course shall be taken by the "board," in apportioning members to the house of representatives, as in the council apportionment, except the whole number of the population shall be divided by thirteen, and each county, as representative district, shall be entitled to as many members of the house as such county shall contain thirteenthths of the population, and the highest fractions of a thirteenth shall draw after it a member; and should it transpire that one or more counties, because of the fractions, shall get both a member of the council and house, it shall then be the duty of the "board" to take, from the county having the lowest fraction of one-thirteenth, a member of the house, and such thirteenth man shall be a representative at large for the whole Territory. When such appointment shall be made, the original paper showing the same, signed by the members of the "board," and attested by the clerk, shall be filed in the office of the Territorial auditor, and a copy thereof, certified by the chairman and clerk to be such, shall be sent by some safe conveyance to the county recorder of such county, who shall file the same in his office, and the county board of commissioners, at their first meeting, shall order the same spread upon the records of their "board."\*

SEC. 7. The secretary, in his notices to the sheriffs concerning elections, shall recognize the council and representative districts hereby created, and the number of members of both council and house as apportioned by the "board" hereby created, and shall notify sheriffs accordingly. The secretary shall, etc.

SEC. 8. The members of the "board" hereby created, shall be entitled to fifteen dollars per day for three days, and ten cents per mile travel each way, to attend the meetings of such "board," to be audited and paid like other accounts against the Territory of Wyoming. Pay of "board"

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, December 10th, 1869.

[NOTE.—Section 1 was repealed by next succeeding act, approved December 2d, 1873.—  
COMPILED.]

\* See sections 1 and 2 of next succeeding act.

STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 1876

AN ACT entitled an Act to Increase the Number of Members of the Territorial Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming:*

SECTION 1. That hereafter the Council of the Territory of Wyoming shall consist of thirteen (13) members, and the House of Representatives of said Territory shall consist of twenty-seven (27) members. Council, thirteen.  
House, twenty-seven.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1874. In force.

Approved, December 2, 1873.

AN ACT Fixing the Time for the Convening of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wyoming:*

When legislature shall convene.

SECTION 1. That the legislature of the Territory of Wyoming shall convene at the capital of the Territory, on the first Tuesday of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and on the first Tuesday of November every second year thereafter.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, December 10, 1869.