CHAPTER 106

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0036

ENROLLED ACT NO. 44, SENATE

FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
1995 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to a computer system for reapportionment; establishing a system to ensure the state and local governments can participate in census bureau programs designed to ensure maximum flexibility in handling reapportionment data; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. The legislature finds that the United States bureau of the census has begun a series of programs to permit states to participate in the development of census block and other data so that states will have the maximum amount of flexibility and information available to them when developing reapportionment plans. The legislature further finds that it is essential to the capability of the legislature to consider alternatives and adopt a reapportionment plan and to the ability of state and local elections officials to administer the plan that Wyoming join other states in participating in these programs as early as possible.

Section 2.

(a) The secretary of state shall establish a geographic information system under this act for the purpose of enabling the state of Wyoming to fully participate in United States bureau of the census programs designed to assist the state in building a census database so that the legislature can reapportion itself and so that state and local elections officials can efficiently and effectively administer the entire elections process. This system shall be structured so that census data can be manipulated and transferred between state and local elections officials and so that the Wyoming legislature can consider a variety of reapportionment alternatives and the necessary statistics with respect to each alternative. It is anticipated that the legislature will, before the 2000 census, establish a budget and develop operating procedures for activities of the legislature related to reapportionment. It is intended that this system

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will serve as the foundation for that effort.

(b) This system shall provide census data manipulation capability and system compatibility for each county and the state to the extent that the capability and compatibility is not currently in place. The system shall consist of hardware, software, the installation of that hardware and software and appropriate training and maintenance. The secretary of state shall consult with Wyoming county clerks, the computer technology division of the department of administration and information and the legislative service office in selecting the features necessary for the system and may also consult with other state agencies with respect to compatibility with current or proposed geographic information systems. The secretary of state shall also establish criteria for the operation of the system in consultation with the county clerks and the computer technology division. Compliance with these criteria shall be a condition of each county's participation in the system, including receipt of hardware, software, training and maintenance support.

(c) The secretary of state shall report to the joint corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim committee before the 1996 legislature on the progress made with respect to establishing the system authorized under this act.

Section 3. There is appropriated from the GAAP holding account created in 1993 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 225, Section 3(d)(iv), as amended, to the secretary of state four hundred seventy thousand dollars ($470,000.00) or as much thereof as necessary to implement this act.

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

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Vice-President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: _8:30 P.M._

DATE APPROVED: _2-21-95_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk

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