

SENATE FILE NO. SF0091

City councilmen-election after redrawing wards.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinnison and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to election of city councilmen; providing
2 an exception to vacancy in office; providing for residency
3 requirements when city wards are redrawn as specified; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-107(a)(i) and 22-23-103 are
9 amended to read:

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11 **15-1-107. Vacancies in offices; grounds; how filled.**

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13 (a) A vacancy exists in the office of mayor or
14 councilman if during the term for which elected any mayor
15 or councilman:

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1 (i) Except as provided in W.S. 22-23-103, fails
2 the residency requirements as defined by local ordinance
3 for the city, town or ward;

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5 **22-23-103. Division of city into wards; residency.**

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7 (a) A city may be divided into wards by ordinance of
8 the governing body of the city. The wards shall be compact
9 in form and as nearly equal in population as possible.

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11 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this
12 section, a person shall not be a candidate for the council
13 from a ward for the purpose of meeting residency
14 requirements for the city ward, unless he has been a
15 resident of that ward for at least one (1) year next
16 preceding his election.

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18 (c) In any general election year in which city wards
19 are redrawn but not enacted into law at least one (1) year
20 prior to the applicable filing periods, a person may be a
21 candidate for a ward if he:

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1 (i) Is a resident of the city on the date he
2 files an application under W.S. 22-5-204 or a petition
3 under W.S. 22-5-301; and

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5 (ii) Has been a resident of the city for at
6 least one (1) year next preceding his election.

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8 (d) A person seeking election from a ward as provided
9 under subsection (c) of this section, including a
10 councilman whose term otherwise would expire as a result of
11 completing his term of office, shall be a resident of the
12 ward at the time he takes office.

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14 (e) Following the redrawing of ward boundaries, a
15 councilman whose term of office does not expire following
16 the next general election shall continue to serve until the
17 completion of his term.

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

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