

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0248

County commissioner vacancy.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Semlek and Diercks and
Senator(s) Burns

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to elections; modifying provisions for
2 filling vacancies in specified offices; and providing for
3 an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-3-524(a) (intro), (i) and (b) (i) is
8 amended to read:

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10 **18-3-524. Appointments to fill vacancies; term.**

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12 (a) Within ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days after the
13 office of any county commissioner becomes vacant the
14 remaining members of the board shall declare a vacancy to
15 exist and immediately give notice of the vacancy in writing
16 to the chairman of the county central committee of the

1 political party to which the member whose office is vacant
2 belonged. The chairman of the county central committee
3 shall within ~~ten (10)~~ twenty (20) days after receipt of the
4 notice call a meeting of the county central committee. At
5 the meeting the committee shall select three (3) persons
6 qualified to fill the vacancy and transmit the names to the
7 board of county commissioners. The board of county
8 commissioners shall fill the vacancy within ~~thirty (30)~~
9 twenty (20) days after receiving the list from the county
10 central committee by appointing one (1) of the persons
11 whose names are submitted by the county central committee:

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13 (i) If the county central committee fails to
14 select and transmit the list of three (3) names to the
15 board of county commissioners within ~~ten (10)~~ twenty (20)
16 days, the board shall fill the vacancy by the appointment
17 of any qualified person belonging to the same political
18 party as the incumbent commissioner;

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20 (b) If the remaining members of the board of county
21 commissioners fail to fill any vacancy in a board of county
22 commissioners within the time specified in this section,
23 any qualified elector of the county may file a petition
24 with the clerk of the district court of the county in which

1 the vacancy occurred requesting the judge of the district
2 court to fill the vacancy:

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4 (i) Within ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) days after
5 the petition is filed the judge shall fill the vacancy by
6 appointing a qualified elector of the county belonging to
7 the same political party as the incumbent commissioner. If
8 the incumbent commissioner did not belong to any political
9 party the judge may appoint any qualified person to fill
10 the vacancy.

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12 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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