

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0117

Fossil county.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Cooper and Senator(s)  
Caller

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to counties; providing for the formation of  
2 Fossil county from a designated portion of Lincoln county;  
3 providing for a temporary county seat for Fossil county;  
4 providing for a temporary county seat for Lincoln county;  
5 providing for a county number for Fossil county; and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-1-101(n) and by creating a new  
11 subsection (z), 18-1-201(a)(xii) and by creating a new  
12 paragraph (xxiv) and 31-2-204(d) are amended to read:

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14 **18-1-101. Counties named, boundaries.**

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1           (n) Lincoln county is that portion of the state of  
2 Wyoming within the following boundaries: beginning at the  
3 ~~north one-quarter~~ southwest corner of section ~~three (3)~~  
4 thirty-one (31), township ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-nine (29)  
5 north, range ~~one hundred twelve (112)~~ one hundred fifteen  
6 (115) west; thence west along the township line between  
7 townships ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-eight (28) and ~~nineteen (19)~~  
8 twenty-nine (29) north to the intersection of the said  
9 township line with the western boundary of the state of  
10 Wyoming; thence north along said western boundary of the  
11 state of Wyoming to the intersection of said boundary with  
12 the township line between township thirty-eight (38) north  
13 and township thirty-nine (39) north; thence east along the  
14 township line between township thirty-eight (38) and  
15 thirty-nine (39) north to the southeast corner of section  
16 thirty-six (36), township thirty-nine (39) north, range one  
17 hundred eighteen (118) west; thence south along the range  
18 line to the southwest corner of section thirty (30),  
19 township thirty-nine (39) north, range one hundred  
20 seventeen (117) west; thence east along the section lines  
21 to the southeast corner of section twenty-five (25),  
22 township thirty-nine (39) north, range one hundred  
23 seventeen (117) west unsurveyed; thence south to the  
24 southwest corner of section nineteen (19), township

1 thirty-eight (38) north, range one hundred sixteen (116)  
2 west (unsurveyed); thence east six (6) miles to the  
3 southwest corner of section nineteen (19), township  
4 thirty-eight (38) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)  
5 west; thence east along section lines to the southeast  
6 corner of section twenty-four (24), township thirty-eight  
7 (38) north, range one hundred fifteen (115) west; thence  
8 south along the range line between ranges one hundred  
9 fourteen (114) and one hundred fifteen (115) west to the  
10 southwest corner of section thirty-one (31), township  
11 thirty-seven (37) north, range one hundred fourteen (114)  
12 west; thence west along the section lines to the northwest  
13 corner of section four (4) township thirty-six (36) north,  
14 range one hundred fifteen (115) west; thence south along  
15 section lines to the southwest corner of section  
16 thirty-three (33), township thirty-six (36) north, range  
17 one hundred fifteen (115) west; thence west along the  
18 section lines to the northwest corner of section four (4),  
19 township thirty-five (35) north, range one hundred fifteen  
20 (115) west; thence south along section lines to the  
21 southwest corner of section thirty-three (33), township  
22 thirty-three (33) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)  
23 west; thence west along the township line between townships  
24 thirty-three (33) and thirty-two (32) north to the

1 southwest corner of section thirty-one (31), township  
2 thirty-three (33) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)  
3 west; thence due south to a point on the projection of the  
4 township line between townships thirty-one (31) and  
5 thirty-two (32) north; thence east along said projected  
6 township line to the northwest corner of section six (6),  
7 township thirty-one (31) north, range one hundred fifteen  
8 (115) west; thence south along the range line between  
9 ranges one hundred fifteen (115) and one hundred sixteen  
10 (116) west to the ~~southwest corner of section thirty-one~~  
11 ~~(31), township twenty-nine (29) north, range one hundred~~  
12 ~~fifteen (115) west; thence along the township line between~~  
13 ~~townships twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29) north to~~  
14 ~~the northwest corner of section six (6), township~~  
15 ~~twenty-eight (28) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)~~  
16 ~~west; thence south along the range line between ranges one~~  
17 ~~hundred fifteen (115) and one hundred sixteen (116) west to~~  
18 ~~the southwest corner of section thirty-one (31), township~~  
19 ~~twenty-seven (27) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)~~  
20 ~~west; thence east along the township line between townships~~  
21 ~~twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) north to the~~  
22 ~~northeast corner of section five (5), township twenty-six~~  
23 ~~(26) north, range one hundred eleven (111) west; thence~~  
24 ~~south along section lines to the southeast corner of~~

~~section thirty-two (32), township twenty-five (25) north,  
range one hundred eleven (111) west; thence along the sixth  
(6th) standard parallel to the north one-quarter corner of  
section six (6), township twenty-four (24) north, range one  
hundred eleven (111) west; thence south through the centers  
of sections and through one-quarter corners to the south  
one-quarter corner of section thirty-one (31), township  
twenty-one (21) north, range one hundred eleven (111) west;  
thence along the fifth (5th) standard parallel to the north  
one-quarter corner of section three (3), township twenty  
(20) north, range one hundred twelve (112) west; thence  
south through the centers of sections and through  
one-quarter corners to the point of beginning.~~

(z) Fossil county is that portion of the state of  
Wyoming within the following boundaries: beginning at the  
north one-quarter corner of section three (3), township  
eighteen (18) north, range one hundred twelve (112) west;  
thence west along the township line between townships  
eighteen (18) and nineteen (19) north to the intersection  
of the said township line with the western boundary of the  
state of Wyoming; thence north along said western boundary  
of the state of Wyoming to the intersection of said  
boundary with the township line between township

1 twenty-eight (28) north and township twenty-nine (29)  
2 north; thence east along the township line between  
3 townships twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29) north to  
4 the northwest corner of section six (6), township  
5 twenty-eight (28) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)  
6 west; thence south along the range line between ranges one  
7 hundred fifteen (115) and one hundred sixteen (116) west to  
8 the southwest corner of section thirty-one (31), township  
9 twenty-seven (27) north, range one hundred fifteen (115)  
10 west; thence east along the township line between townships  
11 twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) north to the  
12 northeast corner of section five (5), township twenty-six  
13 (26) north, range one hundred eleven (111) west; thence  
14 south along section lines to the southeast corner of  
15 section thirty-two (32), township twenty-five (25) north,  
16 range one hundred eleven (111) west; thence along the sixth  
17 (6th) standard parallel to the north one-quarter corner of  
18 section six (6), township twenty-four (24) north, range one  
19 hundred eleven (111) west; thence south through the centers  
20 of sections and through one-quarter corners to the south  
21 one-quarter corner of section thirty-one (31), township  
22 twenty-one (21) north, range one hundred eleven (111) west;  
23 thence along the fifth (5th) standard parallel to the north  
24 one-quarter corner of section three (3), township twenty

1 (20) north, range one hundred twelve (112) west; thence  
2 south through the centers of sections and through  
3 one-quarter corners to the point of beginning.

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5 **18-1-201. County seats enumerated.**

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7 (a) The county seats in the state of Wyoming are as  
8 follows:

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10 (xii) Lincoln county, at Kemmerer. In the event  
11 Fossil county is organized, the county seat of Lincoln  
12 county shall be temporarily located at Afton;

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14 (xxiv) Fossil county, temporarily at Kemmerer.

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16 **31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration**  
17 **and license plates by county; form.**

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19 (d) For the purposes of this section, the several  
20 counties of the state shall be numbered as follows:  
21 Albany-5, Big Horn-9, Campbell-17, Carbon-6, Converse-13,  
22 Crook-18, Fossil-24, Fremont-10, Goshen-7, Hot Springs-15,  
23 Johnson-16, Laramie-2, Lincoln-12, Natrona-1, Niobrara-14,  
24 Park-11, Platte-8, Sheridan-3, Sublette-23, Sweetwater-4,

1 Teton-22, Uinta-19, Washakie-20, Weston-21, and new  
2 counties shall be assigned numbers by the department as  
3 they may be formed, beginning with the number ~~24~~25.

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5 **Section 2.**

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7 (a) Upon the effective date of this act, procedures  
8 for the organization of Fossil county may be commenced  
9 pursuant to W.S. 18-1-301 through 18-1-320.

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11 (b) Until such time as Fossil county is deemed  
12 organized pursuant to W.S. 18-1-310, all portions of Fossil  
13 county shall belong to and be a part of Lincoln county for  
14 all purposes.

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16 (c) Upon passage of a proposition for the  
17 organization of Fossil county as provide by W.S. 18-1-308,  
18 the joint corporations, elections and political  
19 subdivisions interim committee shall report to the  
20 following session of the legislature concerning necessary  
21 conforming statutory changes.



1       **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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