

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0291

Office of state lands and investments.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of government; providing  
2 for the appointment and oversight of the director of the  
3 office of state lands and investments and the appointment  
4 and oversight of the state forester as specified; modifying  
5 oversight of authority granted to the director and the  
6 state forester; and 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. 9-2-2015(b), 36-2-108(a) and (b)(i)  
11 and 36-3-101 are amended to read:

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13 **9-2-2015. Office of state lands and investments;**  
14 **director appointed; structure.**

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16 (b) The administrative head of the office shall be a  
17 director appointed by the ~~governor~~ board of land

1 commissioners with the advice and consent of the senate.  
2 The director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor  
3 board and may be removed by the governor or by the board,  
4 if four (4) members of the board vote in favor of removal,  
5 as provided in W.S. ~~9-1-202~~ 9-1-202(b).

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7 **36-2-108. Appointment of state forester;**  
8 **qualifications; duties.**

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10 (a) The ~~state board of land commissioners~~ director  
11 shall appoint a state forester who shall be the  
12 administrative head of the Wyoming state forestry division  
13 of the office ~~of state lands and investments. He and~~ who  
14 shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~board~~ director. ~~He~~ The  
15 state forester shall have a bachelor's degree in forestry  
16 with not less than four (4) years experience in  
17 professional forestry work. The state forester shall, under  
18 the general supervision of the ~~board~~ director, have  
19 direction of all forest interest and all matters pertaining  
20 to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state of  
21 Wyoming; and may, with approval of the ~~board~~ director,  
22 appoint ~~such~~ assistants and employees as are necessary in  
23 executing the duties of his office.

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1 (b) The state forester shall:

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3 (i) Take ~~such~~ action ~~as may be~~ deemed necessary  
4 by the ~~state board of land commissioners~~ director to  
5 protect forest, range and other rural resources from fire.  
6 This responsibility shall in no way diminish the  
7 responsibility or authority of local fire protection  
8 districts;

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10 **36-3-101. Appointment; term; salary; removal.**

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12 (a) There shall be a director of the office of state  
13 lands and investments, who shall be appointed by the  
14 ~~governor~~ board by and with the consent of the state senate.  
15 The director's term of ~~his~~ office shall expire ~~at~~ as  
16 provided by W.S. 28-12-103 after the end of the term of  
17 office of the governor during which he was appointed,  
18 unless sooner removed. ~~He~~ The director shall receive an  
19 annual salary as provided by law, to be paid monthly by the  
20 state treasurer on the warrant of the state auditor. The  
21 governor or the board, if four (4) members of the board  
22 vote in favor of removal, may remove the director as  
23 provided in W.S. ~~9-1-202~~ 9-1-202 (b).

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1           (b) Effective ~~July 1, 1979~~ January 3, 2007,

2 appointments and terms under this section shall be in

3 accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103, except

4 that the board shall carry out the duties of the governor

5 under those provisions for purposes of this section.

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7           **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2007.

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