

ENROLLED ACT NO. 50, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2016 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; creating a task force on special districts; providing for a study of special districts and their operation; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.**

(a) There is created a task force on special districts consisting of the following members:

(i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate appointed by the president of the senate;

(ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house appointed by the speaker of the house;

(iii) One (1) representative from the Wyoming secretary of state's office appointed by the governor;

(iv) One (1) representative from the Wyoming county commissioner's association appointed by the governor;

(v) One (1) representative from the Wyoming county clerk's association appointed by the governor;

(vi) One (1) representative appointed by the governor for the special districts where the board is elected in a general election;

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(vii) One (1) representative appointed by the governor for the special district where the board is appointed by the board of county commissioners;

(viii) One (1) representative appointed by the governor for the special district where the board is elected in a district election and not in a general election;

(ix) One (1) representative for the Wyoming taxpayers appointed by the governor;

(x) One (1) representative from the mineral extraction industry appointed by the governor.

(b) The task force shall select from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman.

(c) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative service office. State agencies shall provide information and assistance to the task force as requested by the task force.

(d) The task force shall identify, study and make recommendations concerning:

(i) The primary issues which impact the formation, functionality, efficiency, accountability and continued operation of special districts. In considering these issues, the task force shall receive public comment and attempt to identify the causes of the primary issues that negatively impact the formation, functionality, efficiency, accountability and continued operation of special districts in Wyoming. If the task force determines

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that it lacks the resources to properly consider all the issues identified pursuant to this paragraph, the task force may limit its consideration to only issues which can be properly studied, giving preference to issues that have the largest impact on the public and on special districts and for which a solution might be reasonably available;

(ii) Specific changes to Wyoming law which might address the negative impacts identified pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection. The task force shall encourage the submission of proposed changes from interested parties and stake holders and shall consider any proposals made. In making any recommendations, the task force shall rank any recommended changes in order of importance. The task force also shall provide a plan and time line for the implementation of each recommended change into law, giving due preference to the early implementation of changes that will have the greatest impact and changes which reasonably can be accomplished with available resources;

(iii) The dissolution and termination of special districts that are no longer necessary or viable and the adoption of streamlined procedures for the termination of special districts after prescribed time periods.

(e) The task force shall submit a report summarizing its studies, findings and recommendations to the joint corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim committee on or before September 15, 2016. The joint corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim committee shall consider the recommendations and develop any legislation it deems appropriate for consideration by the legislature. If the recommendations made by the task force suggest a multi-year approach to addressing special

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district issues, the joint corporations, elections and political subdivisions interim committee may consider sponsoring legislation for the continuation of the task force.

(f) The task force shall exist until December 31, 2016. Members of the task force who are not state employees or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at a rate provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage, but no salary for preparation, as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the task force.

(g) There is appropriated from the general fund for purposes of this act thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to the legislative service office for the payment of expenses for the task force.

(h) Funds appropriated under subsection (g) of this section shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2017 and shall be expended only for the purpose of providing the payments to task force members authorized in subsection (g) of this section.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion 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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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk