

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0019

ENROLLED ACT NO. 24, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2012 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to predator control; establishing voting rights for predator management district meetings; amending time limits for issuing predator animal control fee refunds; repealing archaic provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-6-202(a)(i) and (ii), 11-6-203(a)(intro) and 11-6-210(g)(intro) are amended to read:

11-6-202. Administration of districts by district boards; number and qualifications of members; term; filling of vacancies.

(a) The affairs of each district shall be administered by a board of directors, each of whom shall be a bona fide resident of Wyoming. Directors for the positions identified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection shall be elected at an annual meeting of district livestock owners. Directors for the positions identified in paragraphs (iv) and (v) of this subsection shall be appointed as described. The composition of the board shall be as follows:

(i) Three (3) directors shall be sheep owners having paid predator management fees on sheep in the district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected for a three (3) year term. Subject to the provisions of W.S. 11-6-203(a), all sheep owners whether an individual, corporation or partnership, having paid predator management fees on sheep in the district regardless of the domicile of the sheep, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

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(ii) Three (3) directors shall be cattle owners having paid predator management fees on cattle in the district in the year preceding election. At each subsequent annual district meeting one (1) director shall be elected for a three (3) year term. Subject to the provisions of W.S. 11-6-203(a), all cattle owners whether an individual, corporation or partnership, having paid predator management fees on cattle in the district regardless of the domicile of the cattle, are entitled to one (1) vote at the meeting;

11-6-203. Manner of calling annual meeting of predator management districts; when held; election of chairman and secretary.

(a) The annual meeting of each predator management district shall be held within the first two (2) weeks of December. and Any person having paid predator fees in the district within the preceding twelve (12) months shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the annual meeting. Predator fees paid in the name of a business entity may be represented by one (1) representative of the entity paying the fees, provided that the representative is authorized by the entity to vote on behalf of the entity and has provided proof of such written authorization. Proof of payment of predator fees within the district shall only be through a verified copy of a brand inspection certificate which clearly shows that the fees have been paid and the date upon which the fees were paid. No person paying fees within the district shall be entitled to more than one (1) vote at the annual meeting and no proxies shall be allowed. Each board shall:

11-6-210. Creation of predator management district fund; predator management fees; donations; appropriation by county commissioners.

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(g) Each predator management district board shall annually allocate five percent (5%) of all predator management fee collections to be used for refunds, in whole or in part. If a refund is requested the board shall pay the refund within ~~one hundred eighty (180) days of application~~ one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the calendar year in which the fee was paid. Refunds under this subsection shall be subject to the following:

Section 2. W.S. 11-6-203(a)(i) and 11-6-210(m) are repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2012.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk