

SENATE FILE NO. SF0099

Pooling order operator.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins and Bebout and  
Representative(s) Stubson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to oil and gas; providing for designation  
2 of the operator under a pooling order; providing rulemaking  
3 authority; and providing for 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. 30-5-109(f) is amended to read:

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9 **30-5-109. Rules and regulations governing drilling**  
10 **units.**

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12 (f) When two (2) or more separately owned tracts are  
13 embraced within a drilling unit, or when there are  
14 separately owned interests in all or a part of the drilling  
15 unit, then persons owning such interests may pool their  
16 interests for the development and operation of the drilling

1 unit. In the absence of voluntary pooling, the commission,  
2 upon the application of any interested person, may enter an  
3 order pooling all interests in the drilling unit for the  
4 development and operation thereof. Each such pooling order  
5 shall be made after notice and hearing and shall be upon  
6 terms and conditions that are just and reasonable.  
7 Operations incident to the drilling of a well upon any  
8 portion of a unit covered by a pooling order shall be  
9 deemed for all purposes to be the conduct of such  
10 operations upon each separately owned tract in the unit by  
11 the several owners thereof. That portion of the production  
12 allocated or applicable to each tract included in a unit  
13 covered by a pooling order shall, when produced, be deemed  
14 for all purposes to have been produced from such tract by a  
15 well drilled thereon. The hearing on a pooling order under  
16 this subsection shall include the designation of the unit  
17 operator. The person filing the application shall be  
18 presumed to be the operator. A dispute over the designation  
19 of the operator shall be addressed by the commission at the  
20 hearing and the commission shall adopt rules and  
21 regulations necessary to designate the operator under this  
22 subsection. In addition to any other factors considered by  
23 the commission, if the applicant owns more than fifty  
24 percent (50%) of the interests in a unit, or the applicant

1 is the designated representative of more than fifty percent  
2 (50%) of the interests in a unit, that person shall be  
3 designated as the operator for the unit.

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

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