

ENROLLED ACT NO. 71, SENATE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to civil procedure; authorizing business entities to represent themselves in forcible entry and detainer actions; specifying requirements and exceptions; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 1-21-1017 is created to read:

**1-21-1017. Corporate and business representation in proceedings.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (c) of this section, a business entity may represent itself without an attorney in any proceedings under this article that the business entity commences or is required to respond to or participate in, provided that:

(i) The business entity is represented by an owner, shareholder, member or partner;

(ii) The business entity owns a majority interest in the lands or tenements subject to the alleged unlawful and forcible entry;

(iii) The person representing the business entity may litigate actions on behalf of the business entity without an attorney, provided that if an attorney appears on behalf of the business entity, the opposing party is entitled to a continuance for the purpose of obtaining an attorney of its own; and

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(iv) The business entity provides notice in writing to the court and all parties to the proceedings that it is being represented by an owner, shareholder, member or partner. The notice shall be signed by every owner, shareholder, member or partner of the business entity.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule, any person who represents a business entity in an action or proceeding under this article in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, provided that the person complies with the provisions of W.S. 33-5-117.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any business entity that is seeking a judgment exceeding the amount specified in W.S. 1-21-201 in any action under this article.

**Section 2.** The provisions of this act shall apply to all actions and proceedings commenced under W.S. 1-21-1001 through 1-21-1017 on or after the effective date of this act.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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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 Senate.

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Chief Clerk