

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0027

Select committee on blockchain, technology and innovation.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating the select
2 committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital
3 innovation technology; providing for appointment of members
4 and executive branch liaisons; providing appropriations; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-11-601 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON BLOCKCHAIN, FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY AND

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DIGITAL INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY

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1 **28-11-601. Appointment of members; powers and duties;**
2 **executive branch liaisons.**

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4 (a) Not later than March 15 following each general
5 election, a select committee on blockchain, financial
6 technology and digital innovation technology shall be
7 appointed subject to the following:

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9 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint
10 three (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as
11 possible to reflect the percentage of the elected membership
12 of the majority and minority parties of the senate, provided
13 not more than two (2) of the members shall be from the same
14 political party. The president of the senate shall designate
15 a co-chair of the select committee;

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17 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives
18 shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as
19 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
20 membership of the majority and minority parties of the house,
21 provided not more than two (2) of the members shall be from
22 the same political party. The speaker of the house shall
23 designate a co-chair of the select committee.

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2 (b) The select committee shall:

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4 (i) Develop knowledge and expertise among its
5 members regarding issues pertaining to blockchain, financial
6 technology and digital innovation technology;

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8 (ii) Develop and introduce legislation as
9 necessary to promote blockchain, financial technology and
10 digital innovation in Wyoming unless the legislation relates
11 to Title 13 of the Wyoming statutes, in which case the
12 legislation shall be recommended to the Minerals, Business &
13 Economic Development Joint Interim Committee for
14 consideration.

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16 (c) Not later than March 15 following each general
17 election, the governor shall appoint three (3) persons to
18 serve as liaisons to the select committee on blockchain,
19 financial technology and digital innovation technology. The
20 governor may, in a manner consistent with W.S. 9-1-202, remove
21 any liaison to the select committee. The liaisons shall:

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1 (i) Aid, assist and advise the select committee on
2 issues pertaining to blockchain, financial technology and
3 digital innovation technology;

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5 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in this
6 paragraph, serve without salary but may, at the governor's
7 discretion, receive per diem and mileage or actual expenses
8 for attending meetings in the manner and amounts provided by
9 law for state employees. Members who are government employees
10 shall be considered on official business of their agency when
11 performing duties as liaisons to the select committee.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of
16 this act:

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18 (i) The president of the senate and the speaker of
19 the house of representatives shall appoint members to the
20 initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology
21 and digital innovation technology in accordance with the
22 requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(a), as created by this act;

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1 (ii) The governor shall appoint liaisons to the
2 initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology
3 and digital innovation technology in accordance with the
4 requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(c), as created by this act.

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6 **Section 3.**

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8 (a) There is appropriated thirty-three thousand dollars
9 (\$33,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service
10 office for purposes of providing salary, mileage and per diem
11 to members of the select committee on blockchain, financial
12 technology and digital innovation technology and for other
13 expenses of the select committee authorized by law or policy
14 of the legislature. This appropriation shall be for the
15 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
16 ending June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be
17 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
18 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
19 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
20 2022.

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22 (b) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
23 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office

1 for purposes of providing per diem and mileage or actual
2 expenses to liaisons appointed to the select committee on
3 blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation
4 technology. This appropriation shall be for the period
5 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June
6 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
7 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
8 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
9 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

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

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