

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0162

Public meetings-executive sessions amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Allemand, Andrew, Davis, Heiner, Hornok, Locke, Neiman and Pendergraft and Senator(s) Hutchings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to city, county, state and local powers;
2 repealing the option for the governing body of an agency to
3 hold executive sessions to consider the appointment of a
4 public officer, professional person or employee; specifying
5 applicability; and 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. 16-4-405(a)(ii) is amended to read:

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11 **16-4-405. Executive sessions.**

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13 (a) A governing body of an agency may hold executive
14 sessions not open to the public:

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1 (ii) To consider the ~~appointment,~~—employment,
2 right to practice or dismissal of a public officer,
3 professional person or employee, or to hear complaints or
4 charges brought against an employee, professional person or
5 officer, unless the employee, professional person or
6 officer requests a public hearing. The governing body may
7 exclude from any public or private hearing during the
8 examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses in the
9 matter being investigated. Following the hearing or
10 executive session, the governing body may deliberate on its
11 decision in executive sessions;

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13 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to the consideration
14 of any appointment of a public officer, professional person
15 or employee by the governing body of an agency on and after
16 July 1, 2024.

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18 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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