

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0271

Firefighter collective bargaining-nonbinding arbitration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, Brown, Burkhart, Clem, Edwards, Eyre, Furphy, Greear, Henderson, Larsen, Lindholm, Miller, Olsen, Simpson and Stith and Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Bebout, Boner, Coe, Driskill, Hicks, Kinskey, Kost, Steinmetz and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to collective bargaining for firefighters;  
2 modifying definitions; providing for nonbinding arbitration;  
3 specifying applicability; and providing for an effective  
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-10-101(a)(ii), 27-10-104, 27-10-105  
9 and 27-10-107 are amended to read:

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11 **27-10-101. Definitions.**

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1           (a) As used in this act the following terms shall,  
2 unless the context requires a different interpretation, have  
3 the following meanings:

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5           (ii) The term "corporate authorities" shall mean  
6 the council, commission or other proper officials or their  
7 designees of any city, town or county, whose duty or duties  
8 it is to establish wages, salaries, rates of pay, working  
9 conditions, and other conditions of employment of fire  
10 fighters.

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12           **27-10-104. Obligation of city, town or county to meet**  
13 **with agent after written notice; written contract of**  
14 **agreement.**

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16 It shall be the obligation of the city, town or county,  
17 through its corporate authorities, or their designees, to  
18 meet and confer in good faith with the representative or  
19 representatives of the bargaining agent within ten (10) days  
20 after receipt of written notice from said bargaining agent of  
21 the request for a meeting for collective bargaining purposes.

22 This obligation shall include the duty to cause any agreement  
23 resulting from negotiations to be reduced to a written

1 contract, provided that no such contract shall exceed the  
2 term of two (2) years.

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4 **27-10-105. When issues to be submitted to arbitration.**

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6 In the event that the bargaining agent and the corporate  
7 authorities are unable, within thirty (30) days from and  
8 including the date of their first meeting, to reach an  
9 agreement on a contract, any and all unresolved issues shall  
10 be submitted to arbitration. Any arbitration under this  
11 chapter shall be nonbinding and advisory only to the governing  
12 body. The governing body shall have final determination on  
13 all contract terms.

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15 **27-10-107. Arbitration procedure.**

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17 Arbitration shall proceed pursuant to the provisions of the  
18 Uniform Arbitration Act, provided, however, that arbitration  
19 under this chapter shall be nonbinding as provided in W.S.  
20 27-10-105.

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1           **Section 2.** This act shall not apply to or be construed  
2 to impair any agreement or contract entered into pursuant to  
3 this chapter before the effective date of this act.

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5           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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