

March 25, 2022

The Honorable Edward Buchanan Secretary of State Herschler Building East 122 W. 25th Street, Suite 100 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: No signature of HEA0062/HB0100 - Redistricting of the Legislature

Dear Secretary Buchanan:

The Legislature's Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivision Committee put in an immense amount of work this past year to develop proposed legislation for reapportioning legislative districts — a constitutional task required of this Legislature following the decennial census. The Committee and staff held 20 meetings and listening sessions across the state from Fort Laramie to Worland. Hundreds of Wyoming citizens got involved and county clerks dedicated countless hours to crafting a draft bill to help elections run smoothly. The final legislation was amended in the waning hours of the legislative session to a version that apparently establishes some districts that appear to exceed presumptively acceptable deviation limits. Redistricting is an inherently legislative process and, therefore, I must assume this final product represents the "best effort" of this Legislature. Thus, for this reason as well as a desire to see our elections have their best chance to proceed in an orderly and proper way, I am allowing HEA 62 to become law without my signature.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon Governor

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cc: The Honorable Dan Dockstader, President of the Senate

The Honorable Eric Barlow, Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk, Wyoming Senate

Chief Clerk, Wyoming House of Representatives