

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

State constitutional officers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burns and Anderson, R.

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to modify the state elected
2 officers by removing the state superintendent of public
3 instruction as an elected state officer, making the Wyoming
4 attorney general an elected state officer, and by
5 accordingly modifying the board of land commissioners.

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7 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
8 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
9 *separately, concurring therein:*

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11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to create Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 21, Section 29 and to amend Wyoming
13 Constitution, Article 4, Sections 11, 12 and 13 and Article
14 18, Section 3 is proposed for submission to the electors of
15 the State of Wyoming at the next general election for
16 approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the

1 Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at
2 the election:

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4 **Article 4, Section 11. State officers; election;**
5 **qualifications; terms.**

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7 There shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the
8 state at the times and places of choosing members of the
9 legislature, a secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and
10 ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ an attorney general,
11 who shall have attained the age of twenty-five (25) years
12 respectively, shall be citizens of the United States, and
13 shall have the qualifications of state electors. They shall
14 severally hold their offices at the seat of government, for
15 the term of four (4) years and until their successors are
16 elected and duly qualified. The legislature may provide for
17 such other state officers as are deemed necessary.

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19 **Article 4, Section 12. State officers; powers and**
20 **duties.**

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22 The powers and duties of the secretary of state, of state
23 auditor, treasurer and ~~superintendent of public instruction~~
24 the attorney general shall be as prescribed by law.

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2 **Article 4, Section 13. Salaries of governor and other**
3 **elective state officers.**

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5 Until otherwise provided by law, the governor shall receive
6 an annual salary of two thousand and five hundred dollars,
7 the secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer and
8 ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ attorney general shall
9 each receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars, and
10 the salaries of any of the said officers shall not be
11 increased or diminished during the period for which they
12 were elected, and all fees and profits arising from any of
13 the said offices shall be covered into the state treasury.

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15 **Article 18, Section 3. Board of land commissioners.**

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17 The governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state
18 auditor and ~~superintendent of public instruction~~ attorney
19 general shall constitute a board of land commissioners,
20 which under direction of the legislature as limited by this
21 constitution, shall have direction, control, leasing and
22 disposal of lands of the state granted, or which may be
23 hereafter granted for the support and benefit of public
24 schools, subject to the further limitations that the sale

1 of all lands shall be at public auction, after such delay
2 (not less than the time fixed by congress) in portions at
3 proper intervals of time, and at such minimum prices (not
4 less than the minimum fixed by congress) as to realize the
5 largest possible proceeds. And said board, subject to the
6 limitations of this constitution and under such regulations
7 as may be provided by law shall have the direction,
8 control, disposition and care of all lands that have been
9 heretofore or may hereafter be granted to the state.

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11 **Article 21, Section 29. Transition of elected state**
12 **officers.**

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14 The state superintendent of public instruction elected in
15 the 2002 general election shall serve a full term of four
16 (4) years, which shall expire upon qualification for office
17 of the attorney general elected in the general election
18 held in 2006. The first elected Wyoming attorney general
19 shall be elected in the 2006 general election.

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21 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
22 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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1 This amendment changes the composition of the state
2 constitutional officers by eliminating the superintendent
3 of public instruction as an elected state officer and by
4 making the Wyoming attorney general an elected state
5 officer. This amendment also removes the state
6 superintendent from the membership of the Wyoming board of
7 land commissioners and adds the attorney general to the
8 board. If adopted, the amendment would become effective in
9 the 2006 general election.

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