

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0002

Elected attorney general.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gingery

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to modify the state elected
2 officers by making the Wyoming attorney general an elected
3 state officer.

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

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9 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
10 Constitution, Article 4, Sections 11 and 12 and to repeal
11 Wyoming Constitution, Article 4, Section 13 is proposed for
12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
15 majority of the electors at the election:

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

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

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

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23 The powers and duties of the secretary of state, of state
24 auditor, treasurer, ~~and~~ superintendent of public

1 instruction, and attorney general shall be as prescribed by
2 law.

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4 **Section 2.** Article 4, Section 13 is repealed.

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6 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
7 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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9 The amendment changes the composition of the state
10 constitutional officers by making the Wyoming attorney
11 general an elected state officer rather than the attorney
12 general being appointed by the governor. This amendment
13 also removes the outdated provision of salaries of the
14 governor and the other elected state officers. If adopted,
15 the attorney general would be elected beginning in the 2008
16 general election.

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