

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0003

Legislators-assumption of duties.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Childers, Cohee, Lubnau
and Martin and Senator(s) Anderson, J.,
Hines, Mockler and Ross

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to clarify the terms of office of legislators.

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

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8 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
9 Constitution, Article 3, Section 5 and Article 6, Section
10 16 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State
11 of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or
12 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
13 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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15 **Article 3, Section 5. When members elected and terms**
16 **begin.**

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2 Members of the senate and house of representatives shall be
3 elected on the day provided by law for the general election
4 of a member of congress, and their term of office shall
5 begin on the first Monday of January thereafter and
6 continue until their successors are elected and duly
7 qualified.

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9 **Article 6, Section 16. When officers to hold over;**
10 **suspension of officers.**

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12 Every person holding any civil office under the state or
13 any municipality therein shall, unless removed according to
14 law, exercise the duties of such office until his successor
15 is duly qualified, but this shall not apply to ~~members of~~
16 ~~the legislature, nor to~~ members of any board or assembly,
17 two or more of whom are elected at the same time. The
18 legislature may by law provide for suspending any officer
19 in his functions, pending impeachment or prosecution for
20 misconduct in office.

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

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1 This amendment will clarify that the terms of office
2 of legislators begin on the first Monday of January
3 following their election to office and continue until their
4 successors are elected and duly qualified. This is similar
5 to the term of office for the state elected officials
6 including the governor, secretary of state, auditor,
7 treasurer and superintendent of public instruction.

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