

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0009

Distribution of excess funds.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to authorize the legislature to provide
3 funding to individuals and business entities for the
4 economic benefit of the state.

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

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 16, Section 6 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 16, Section 6. Loan of credit; donations**
2 **prohibited; works of internal improvement; distribution to**
3 **citizens.**

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5 Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town,
6 school district, or any other political subdivision, shall
7 loan or give its credit or make donations to or in aid of
8 any individual, association or corporation, except for
9 necessary support of the poor, nor subscribe to or become
10 the owner of the capital stock of any association or
11 corporation, except that funds of public employee
12 retirement systems and the permanent funds of the state of
13 Wyoming may be invested in such stock under conditions the
14 legislature prescribes. The state shall not engage in any
15 work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-
16 thirds (2/3) vote of the people. Neither the prohibition
17 within this section on donations to individuals,
18 associations or corporations, nor the provisions of Article
19 3, Section 36, shall be construed so as to limit the state
20 from providing funding directly or indirectly to
21 individuals, associations or corporations, so long as the
22 legislature determines the funding is for the direct or
23 indirect overall economic benefit of the state.

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1 **Section 2.** The following statement shall be endorsed
2 on the foregoing proposed amendment by the Secretary of
3 State:

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5 The adoption of the proposed amendment will authorize the
6 legislature to provide funding directly or indirectly to
7 individuals or business entities so long as the legislature
8 determines that doing so will provide an overall economic
9 benefit to the state.

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