

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0003

Oath of office.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Decaria, Case, Hines, Larson,
Mockler and Schiffer and Representative(s)
Brown, Cohee, Martin, Olsen and Simpson

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution by amending the oath of office required of
3 senators and representatives and all judicial, state and
4 county officers.

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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 6, Section 20 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 6, Section 20. Oath of office; form.**

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3 Senators and representatives and all judicial, state and
4 county officers shall, before entering on the duties of
5 their respective offices, take and subscribe the following
6 oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that
7 I will support, obey and defend the constitution of the
8 United States, and the constitution of ~~this~~the state of
9 Wyoming, ~~and~~ that I will discharge the duties of my office
10 with fidelity; ~~that I have not paid or contributed, or~~
11 ~~promised to pay or contribute, either directly or~~
12 ~~indirectly, any money or other valuable thing, to procure~~
13 ~~my nomination or election, (or appointment) except for~~
14 ~~necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law;~~
15 and that I have not, knowingly, violated any ~~election~~ law
16 ~~of the state~~ related to my election or appointment, or
17 ~~procured~~ caused it to be done by others." ~~in my behalf;~~
18 ~~that I will not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly,~~
19 ~~any money or other valuable thing for the performance or~~
20 ~~nonperformance of any act or duty pertaining to my office,~~
21 ~~other than the compensation allowed by law."~~

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23 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall,
24 notwithstanding W.S. 22-20-102(a), place this proposed

1 amendment on the ballot after all other proposed amendments
2 to the Wyoming Constitution presented at the same election
3 and shall endorse the following statement on the proposed
4 amendment:

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6 The adoption of this amendment would clarify and
7 modernize the oath of office taken by all elected and
8 appointed officials of whom the oath is required. The new
9 oath will be: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will
10 support, obey and defend the constitution of the United
11 States, and the constitution of the state of Wyoming, that
12 I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity; and
13 that I have not, knowingly, violated any law related to my
14 election or appointment, or caused it to be done by
15 others."

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