STATE OF WYOMING

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0005

Foreign law prohibition-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gay, Davison and Jaggi

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming 2 Constitution to require courts in this state to rely on 3 federal and state laws when deciding cases and to forbid 4 courts from using international law as precedent when 5 deciding cases.

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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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Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 5, Section 1 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become Valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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2	Article 5, Section 1. How judicial power vested.
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4	(a) The judicial power of the state shall be vested
5	in the senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, in a
6	supreme court, district courts, and such subordinate courts
7	as the legislature may, by general law, establish and
8	ordain from time to time.
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10	(b) When exercising their judicial authority the
11	courts of this state shall uphold and adhere to the law as
12	provided in the constitution of the United States, the
13	Wyoming constitution, the United States Code and federal
14	regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, laws of this
15	state, common law as prescribed by legislative enactment,
16	and if necessary the law of another state of the United
17	States. The courts shall not use as precedent the legal
18	precepts of other nations or international law. The
19	provisions of this subsection shall apply to all cases
20	before the respective courts including, without limitation,
21	cases of first impression.
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Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse
the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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2 This amendment would require courts in this state to rely 3 on federal and state laws when deciding cases. It would 4 forbid courts from using foreign or international law as 5 precedent when deciding cases. 6

7 (END)

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