

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0002

School capital construction-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Bebout, Case, Coe, Driskill
and Hicks and Representative(s) Allen,
Edwards, Eklund, Jennings, Loucks, Miller,
Reeder and Zwonitzer, Dv.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution by creating a new section authorizing the
3 legislature to require school districts to impose a special
4 tax on property within the school district for the purpose
5 of construction and maintenance of public school
6 facilities, requiring voter approval of the facilities and
7 limiting the legislature's capital obligation.

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

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13 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
14 Constitution, Article 15, by creating a new Section 21 is
15 proposed for submission to the electors of the State of

1 Wyoming at the next general election for approval or
2 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
3 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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5 **Article 15, Section 21. School district levy for**
6 **construction of public schools.**

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8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution,
9 the legislature may require the board of trustees of an
10 individual school district to levy a special tax on the
11 property of the school district as a condition to receive
12 state funds for the construction and maintenance of public
13 schools located within a school district. The legislature
14 may further condition receipt of state funds under this
15 section for the construction of new public school
16 facilities on approval of the proposed project by the
17 qualified electors of the school district on a ballot
18 proposition describing the proposed facility's educational
19 suitability and adequacy as compared to existing state
20 standards. In no event shall the state's obligation to
21 provide funding for the construction and maintenance of
22 public school facilities exceed the amount necessary to
23 supplement the district's special tax levy in order for the

1 facilities to meet current facility standards and
2 educational suitability requirements adopted by the state.

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

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7 The adoption of this amendment would allow the legislature
8 to impose requirements on school districts as a condition
9 to receiving any state funds for the construction and
10 maintenance of public school facilities located within the
11 school district and would include the ability to require
12 school districts impose a special tax to fund a portion of
13 the cost necessary to maintain and construct public school
14 facilities located within a school district and to require
15 voter approval for the construction of any new proposed
16 public school facilities within a school district. The
17 adoption of this amendment would also limit the state's
18 obligation for the construction and maintenance of public
19 school facilities to the amount necessary to supplement the
20 school district's special tax levy for the facility to meet
21 current facility standards and educational suitability
22 requirements adopted by the state.

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