

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0009

Public school financing.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinskey, Barnard, Bebout, Boner,
Burns, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Ellis,
Hicks, Landen, Meier, Nethercott, Pappas and
Peterson

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 constitution to specify that the legislature determines the
3 adequacy of public school funding and prohibiting courts
4 from requiring funding beyond that prescribed by law.

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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 7, Section 9 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

1 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
2 majority of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 7, Section 9. Taxation for schools.**

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6 The legislature shall make such further provision by
7 taxation or otherwise, as the legislature determines
8 necessary together with the income arising from the general
9 school fund ~~will~~to create and maintain a thorough and
10 efficient system of public schools, adequate to the proper
11 instruction of all youth of the state, between the ages of
12 six and twenty-one years, free of charge; and in view of
13 such provision so made, the legislature shall require that
14 every child of sufficient physical and mental ability shall
15 attend a public school during the period between six and
16 eighteen years for a time equivalent to three years, unless
17 educated by other means. No court shall order, enjoin or
18 otherwise require the imposition of any tax or tax
19 increase, nor require any other provision of funding beyond
20 those means and amounts prescribed by law to carry into
21 effect the provisions of this section.

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

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4 This amendment would prohibit a court from requiring the
5 imposition of a tax or tax increase or other funding in
6 order to provide additional monies to fund schools beyond
7 taxes and other funding prescribed by law. This amendment
8 specifies that the legislature will determine the adequacy
9 of funding for the public schools.

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