

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Legislative Sessions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Barlow, Greear, Lindholm, Pelkey, Sommers and Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Rothfuss, Schuler, Von Flatern and Wasserburger

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution by repealing the introductory vote requirement
3 for bills in a legislative budget session.

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

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9 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
10 Constitution, Article 3, Section 6 is proposed for submission
11 to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general
12 election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part
13 of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors
14 at the election:

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2 **Article 3, Section 6. Compensation of members; duration**
3 **of sessions.**

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5 The legislature shall not meet for more than sixty (60)
6 legislative working days excluding Sundays during the term
7 for which members of the house of representatives are elected,
8 except when called into special session. The legislature
9 shall determine by statute the number of days not to exceed
10 sixty (60) legislative working days to be devoted to general
11 and budget session, respectively. The legislature shall meet
12 on odd-numbered years for a general and budget session. The
13 legislature may meet on even-numbered years for budget
14 session. ~~During the budget session no bills except the budget~~
15 ~~bill may be introduced unless placed on call by a two-thirds~~
16 ~~vote of either house.~~ The legislature shall meet for no more
17 than forty (40) legislative working days excluding Sundays in
18 any one (1) calendar year, except when called into special
19 session. The compensation of the members of the legislature
20 shall be as provided by law; but no legislature shall fix its
21 own compensation.

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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 Currently the Wyoming Constitution allows the
5 legislature discretion to meet in even-numbered years for a
6 "budget session." A super-majority vote of two-thirds (2/3)
7 of the membership of the house or senate is required for
8 legislation, other than the budget bill and reapportionment
9 bills, to be considered during any "budget session." The
10 proposed amendment would remove this two-thirds (2/3) super-
11 majority introductory vote requirement for the "budget
12 session."

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