

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

City and county unification.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to allow the legislature to provide for a
3 procedure and laws governing unification of counties and
4 municipalities; defining unified governments as counties
5 for taxation and revenue purposes; requiring a vote; and
6 defining unified governments as municipalities for purposes
7 of Article 13 of the constitution.

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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 14, Section 6 is proposed for
15 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
16 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 14, Section 6. Consolidation of offices.**

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6 (a) Whenever practicable the legislature may, and
7 whenever the same can be done without detriment to the
8 public service, shall consolidate offices in state, county
9 and municipalities respectively, and whenever so
10 consolidated, the duties of such additional office shall be
11 performed under an ex officio title.

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13 (b) The legislature may establish through general law
14 a procedure and laws governing the unification of counties
15 and municipalities. A unified government shall be
16 recognized under this constitution and the laws of the
17 state as a county for purposes of taxation and revenues and
18 as a municipality for all other purposes. Any procedure
19 adopted by the legislature shall include a requirement for
20 a vote of the electors of the affected county and
21 municipalities.

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

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2 The passage of this amendment would allow the legislature
3 to create a method to combine county and municipal
4 governments. The combined governmental entity would be
5 like a county for tax and revenue purposes and like a
6 municipality for all other purposes. No combination may
7 occur without a vote of the people.

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