

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0005

County/city consolidation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Petroff and Senator(s)
Burns and Christensen

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; providing legislative
6 authority to further define powers and authority of unified
7 governments; requiring a vote; and providing for
8 continuance of debts and obligations.

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

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14 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
15 Constitution, Article 14, Section 6 is proposed for
16 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the

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

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5 **Article 14, Section 6. Consolidation of offices.**

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

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14 (b) The legislature may establish through general law
15 a procedure and laws governing the unification of counties
16 with municipalities. A unified government shall be
17 recognized under this constitution and the laws of the
18 state as a county for purposes of taxation and revenues.
19 The legislature shall provide by general laws applicable to
20 all unified governments for the powers and authority of the
21 same, which laws may determine application of provisions of
22 this constitution governing counties and municipalities.
23 Any procedure adopted by the legislature shall include a
24 requirement for a vote of the electors of the affected

1 county and municipalities and a requirement that any
2 existing debt or obligation of the municipalities and
3 counties involved in a unification shall become a debt or
4 obligation of the unified government.

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

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9 The passage of this amendment would allow the legislature
10 to create a method to combine county and municipal
11 governments. The combined governmental entity would be
12 considered a county for tax and revenue purposes. The
13 legislature will further provide by law powers and
14 authority of all unified governments. No combination may
15 occur without a vote of the people and the debts and
16 obligations of the unifying governments will become debts
17 and obligations of the unified government.

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