

S.J. No. 0003

School capital construction-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Scott and Coe and Representative(s) Allen, Miller and Northrup

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to transfer responsibility to construct school facilities to school districts; to provide for specified mandatory and optional state funding mechanisms; and to provide a ballot statement.

2/12/2018 Bill Number Assigned
2/13/2018 S Received for Introduction
2/14/2018 S Introduced and Referred to S03 - Revenue 30-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins, Peterson, Rothfuss, Scott, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Ayes 30 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2018 S03 - Revenue:Recommend Do Pass 3-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Case, Kinskey, Peterson

Nays: Senator(s) Ellis, Wasserburger

Ayes 3 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2018 S Placed on General File

2/23/2018 S COW:Passed

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Page 2-lines 5 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 3-lines 1 through 14 Delete entirely and insert:

"The legislature shall by law provide a system of public school capital construction subject to the following:

(i) The local school districts are primarily responsible for providing school facilities through bonds or other means;

(ii) The decision of the voters in an election authorizing bonds is final;

(iii) The cost of paying bonds shall be equalized so that the needed mill levy does not exceed what the mill levy would be if the district had the state average per person assessed valuation, the federal census being used to determine the number of persons;

(iv) The state financing of the equalization shall assure the required payment by the state and may include appropriations, dedicated sources of funds or a state-wide mill levy. Compliance with the debt limitation imposed by article 16, section 5 of this constitution shall be determined using only the local share of the payment for the debt;

(v) A means shall be provided to decide which facilities are not needed for education and are not subject to equalization;

(vi) The legislature may appropriate funds to relieve hardship;

(vii) If the use of bonds becomes financially unwise or non-debt financing is desired, the legislature may provide for different financing means with comparable equalization provisions.".
Page 4-line 19 After "hardships" insert "." and delete balance of line.

Page 4-line 20 Delete entirely. SCOTT

2/27/2018 S 2nd Reading:Passed

2/28/2018 S 3rd Reading:Passed 21-7-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Burns, Case, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Ellis, Emerich, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Meier, Nethercott, Perkins, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Christensen, Hastert, Peterson, Rothfuss, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Excused: Senator(s) Moniz, Pappas

Ayes 21 **Nays** 7 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/1/2018 H Received for Introduction

3/2/2018 H Introduced and Referred to H04 - Education

3/7/2018 H No report prior to COW Cutoff