

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Infrastructure for the state's energy resources.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Philp, Berger, Cohee,
Lockhart, Luthi and Simpson and Senator(s)
Hawks

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to authorize the state to engage in works of
3 internal improvement for energy transmission and
4 consumption, without submitting the question of the state's
5 authority to engage in such works to a vote of the people.

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

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11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to create Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 16, Section 14 is proposed for
13 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
14 next general election for approval or rejection to become
15 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
16 majority of the electors at the election:

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2 **Article 16, Section 14. Construction and improvement**
3 **of infrastructure.**

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5 The provisions of section 6 of article 16 of this
6 constitution prohibiting the state from engaging in any
7 work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-
8 thirds vote of the people shall not apply to or affect the
9 construction or improvement of infrastructure for the
10 transmission of or to facilitate the consumption of the
11 state's energy resources, which infrastructure may include
12 all facilities, structures and properties incidental and
13 necessary or useful in the transmission and consumption of
14 the state's energy resources. The legislature shall have
15 power to provide for the construction and improvement of
16 such infrastructure, either directly or by extending aid to
17 its political subdivisions or to any public corporation
18 legally organized for such purposes.

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

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1 The passage of this amendment will give the legislature of
2 the State of Wyoming the power to engage directly in, or by
3 financing, the construction and improvement of
4 infrastructure for the transmission and consumption of
5 Wyoming energy. The legislature would be able to do so
6 without putting the question of the state's authority to
7 engage in those activities to a vote of the people, as
8 generally required for works of internal improvement by
9 Article 16, Section 6 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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