

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0001

School finance-recapture limitation.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Wyoming Constitution;
2 relating to the recapture of excess revenues for the
3 support of public schools.

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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 15, Section 17 is proposed for
11 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
12 next general election for approval or rejection to become
13 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
14 majority of the electors at the election:

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16 **Article 15, Section 17. County levy for support and**
17 **maintenance of public schools.**

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2 There shall be levied each year in each county of the state
3 a tax of not to exceed six (6) mills on the dollar of the
4 assessed valuation of the property in each county for the
5 support and maintenance of the public schools. This tax
6 shall be collected by the county treasurer and disbursed
7 among the school districts within the county as the
8 legislature shall provide. The legislature may authorize
9 boards of trustees of school districts to levy a special
10 tax on the property of the district. The legislature may
11 also provide for the distribution among one (1) or more
12 school districts ~~of not more than three fourths~~ of any
13 revenue from the special school district property tax in
14 excess of a state average yield, which shall be calculated
15 each year, per average daily membership.

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17 **Section 2.** The Secretary of State shall endorse the
18 following statement on the proposed amendment:

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1 The Wyoming Supreme Court has held that school funding must
2 be equalized among all school districts in the state.

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4 The adoption of this amendment would repeal the current
5 limitation on the amount of property tax revenues that may
6 be "recaptured" from the wealthiest school districts and
7 redistributed to poorer districts.

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