

HJ0004S3001

1 Delete the Senate Standing Committee Amendment (HJ0004SS001/AC)
2 and the Nicholas, et al. Second Reading
3 Amendment (HJ0004S2001/A) entirely and
4 further amend as follows:
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6 Page 1-line 1 Delete "petitioning" insert "declaring the
7 state's interest to petition".
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9 Page 1-line 6 Delete "petitioning" insert "willing to
10 petition".
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12 Page 1-line 8 After "budget" insert "under the
13 circumstances described herein".
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15 Page 1-line 13 After "**Section 1.**" delete balance of line
16 and insert "The legislature of the state of
17 Wyoming agrees with and generally supports
18 the adoption of a balanced budget amendment
19 in substantially the following form:
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21 (a) Subject to further legislative actions as provided by
22 section 3 of this act, that any convention of the states called
23 by the congress of the United States of America be limited to
24 proposing an amendment to the".
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26 Page 1-lines 14 and 15 Delete.
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28 Page 2-lines 1 and 2 Delete.
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30 Page 2-line 10 Delete "." insert ";".
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32 Page 2-line 12 Delete "**Section 2.**" insert "(b) Subject to
33 further legislative action as provided by
34 section 3 of this act,".
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36 Page 3-line 4 Delete "." insert ";".
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38 Page 3-line 6 Delete "**Section 3.**" insert "(c) Subject to
39 further legislative action as provided by
40 section 3 of this act,".
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42 Page 3-after line 12 Insert and renumber:
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1 **"Section 2.** (a) The state of Wyoming stands in a
2 relatively unique position apart from most other states in the
3 following respects:
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5 (i) The large percentage of land ownership by the
6 federal government is greater than forty-eight percent (48%) of
7 all the surface lands and greater than sixty-six percent (66%)
8 of subsurface minerals in the state;
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10 (ii) Federal monies received by this state in
11 compensation for the large percentage of land owned by the
12 federal government including, but not limited to, payment in
13 lieu of taxes (PILT), federal mineral royalties and other
14 payments are inadequate to compensate the state for its lost
15 revenues;
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17 (iii) With a population of less than six hundred
18 thousand (600,000), Wyoming maintains an extensive network of
19 highway systems including more than three thousand six hundred
20 fifty (3,650) lane miles of transcontinental interstate
21 highways;
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23 (iv) The small size of the state of Wyoming's budget
24 is insignificant compared to the size of the budget in larger
25 states and would only fund the operations of the most populous
26 state's government for a period of less than two (2) weeks;
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28 (v) The state of Wyoming should not suffer
29 significant further harm as a result of participation in the
30 convention in relation to the large percentage of federal land
31 and mineral ownership.
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33 **Section 3.** The Wyoming legislature will convene in a
34 special or regular session to adopt the amendment in section 1
35 of this act provided that the state can secure adequate
36 assurances that the state's relatively unique stature is
37 protected and recognized.
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39 **Section 4.** The governor's office is directed to
40 communicate with other states supporting a balanced budget
41 amendment, along with the state's federal delegation, to secure
42 a measure of security that either the state's share of federal
43 mineral royalties, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and other
44 federal payments will not be reduced to balance the budget, or
45 that the federal lands, including surface and minerals, which
46 are not managed by the United States as a national park,
47 designated national monument or wilderness area designated under

1 the national wilderness preservation system, be conveyed to the
2 state commensurate with other states before final adoption of
3 such balanced budget amendment.".

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5 Page 3-line 14 Delete "4" insert "5". NICHOLAS,
6 PERKINS