

Page 1-line 13 Before "That" insert "The legislature of the state of Wyoming agrees with and generally supports the adoption of a balanced budget amendment substantially in the following form:".

Page 2-line 12 Before "That" insert "Subject to the conditions in section 4 of this act,".

Page 3-line 6 Before "That" insert "Subject to the conditions in section 4 of this act,".

Page 3-after line 12 Insert and renumber:

"Section 4. (a) The state of Wyoming stands in a unique position apart from all other states in the following respects:

(i) The large percentage of land ownership by the federal government is greater than forty-eight percent (48%) of all the lands in the state;

(ii) Federal monies received by this state in compensation for the large percentage of land owned by the federal government including, but not limited to, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), federal mineral royalties and other payments are inadequate to compensate the state for its lost revenues;

(iii) With a population of less than six hundred thousand (600,000), Wyoming maintains an extensive network of highway systems including more than three thousand six hundred fifty (3,650) lane miles of transcontinental interstate highways;

(iv) The small size of the state of Wyoming's budget is insignificant compared to the size of the budget in larger states and would only fund the operations of the largest state's government for a period of less than two (2) weeks;

(v) The state of Wyoming should not suffer significant further harm as a result of participation in the convention in relation to the large percentage of federal land ownership.

1 **Section 5.** The Wyoming legislature will convene in a
2 special or regular session to adopt the foregoing amendment
3 provided that the state can secure adequate assurances that the
4 state's unique stature is protected and recognized.
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6 **Section 6.** The governor's office is directed to
7 communicate with other states supporting a balanced budget
8 amendment, along with the state's federal delegation, to secure
9 a measure of security that either the state's share of federal
10 mineral royalties, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and other
11 federal payments will not be reduced to balance the budget, or
12 that the federal lands, including surface and minerals, which
13 are not managed by the United States as a national park,
14 designated national monument or wilderness area designated under
15 the national wilderness preservation system, be conveyed to the
16 state commensurate with other states before final adoption of
17 such balanced budget amendment.".

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19 Page 3-line 14 Delete "4" insert "7". NICHOLAS, P.
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