

S.J. No. 0008	School construction and renovation- constitutional amendment.
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Sponsored By: Senator(s) Meier, Bebout and Peterson and
Representative(s) Hunt, Kirkbride, Miller and
Paxton

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution by creating a new section authorizing the legislature to require school districts to impose a special tax on property within the school district for the purpose of construction of public school facilities; requiring voter approval of the facilities; providing for the legal effect of a negative vote; providing excess taxes are remitted to the state; and limiting the legislature's capital obligation.

1/23/2017 Bill Number Assigned
1/24/2017 S Received for Introduction
1/24/2017 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education
1/31/2017 S04 - Education:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 3-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Coe, Pappas, Rothfuss
Nays: Senator(s) Ellis, Wasserburger
Ayes 3 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/31/2017 S Placed on General File

SJ0008SS001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 5 After "facilities" insert "." delete balance of line.
Page 1-lines 6 through 9 Delete.
Page 2-line 12 Delete "an".
Page 2-line 13 Delete "individual" insert "a"; delete "as a".
Page 2-line 14 Delete "condition to receive state funds".
Page 2-line 15 After "district" insert "as provided by law. The legislature shall not impose the special tax or distribute the resulting revenue in a manner which creates a wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts"; delete "The".
Page 2-lines 16 through 23 Delete.
Page 3-lines 1 through 10 Delete.
Page 4-lines 2 through 20 Delete and insert "to require a school district board of trustees to impose a special tax to fund the construction of public school facilities within the school district. The legislature could not impose the tax or distribute the resulting revenue in a manner which would create a wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts.". COE, CHAIRMAN

2/1/2017 S COW:Passed

SJ0008S2001/ADOPTED

Delete the Senate Standing Committee Amendment (SJ0008SS001/A)

entirely; further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4 Delete entirely; insert "tax for the purpose".

Page 1-line 5 Delete "school" insert "schools." and delete balance of line.

Page 1-lines 6 through 9 Delete.

Page 2-line 8 Delete "**levy**" insert "**tax**".

Page 2-lines 11 through 23 Delete and insert:

"The legislature may require all school district boards of trustees to impose a special tax to fund the construction of public schools as provided by law. The legislature shall provide for the distribution among one (1) or more school districts of any revenue from the special tax in order to prevent a wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts in the construction of public schools.".

Page 3-lines 1 through 10 Delete.

Page 4-lines 1 through 20 Delete and insert:

"The adoption of this amendment would allow the legislature to require all school district boards of trustees to impose a special tax to fund the construction of public schools. The legislature would distribute the resulting revenue in a manner which would prevent wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts in the construction of public schools.". MEIER, COE, ROTHFUSS

2/2/2017 S 2nd Reading:Passed

2/3/2017 S 3rd Reading:Laid Back

SJ0008S3001/ADOPTED

Page 2-lines 11 through 23 Delete entirely, including the Meier, et al., second reading amendment (SJ0008S2001/A) to these lines and insert:

"The legislature may require by law a school district board of trustees to impose a special tax to provide revenue for the construction of public schools in the district. The law shall operate uniformly upon each school district constructing a public school, in regard to the time period for imposition of the tax and the number of mills or other amount of the tax imposed applied in proportion to the estimated cost of construction. The legislature shall provide for the distribution among one (1) or more school districts of any revenue from the special tax in order to prevent a wealth-based disparity in public school facilities among the state's school districts. A law meeting the requirements of this section and the tax properly imposed pursuant thereto shall be deemed to be in accordance with all provisions of this Constitution requiring uniform and equal taxation.".

Page 4-lines 1 through 20 Delete entirely, including the Meier, et al., second reading amendment (SJ0008S2001/A) to these lines and insert:

"The adoption of this amendment would allow the legislature to require a school district board of trustees to impose a special tax to fund the construction of public schools. The amount of revenue generated would vary by district but the tax imposed and the time period for the tax would be prescribed by law uniformly applicable to all school districts and proportionate to the estimated cost of construction. The legislature would distribute the resulting revenue in a manner which would prevent wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts for purposes of construction of public schools.". MEIER

2/6/2017 S 3rd Reading:Failed 13-17-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Bebout, Boner, Bouchard, Burns, Case, Dockstader, Driskill, Meier, Pappas, Peterson, Rothfuss

Nays: Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Barnard, Christensen, Coe, Ellis, Emerich, Hastert, Hicks, Kinskey, Landen, Moniz, Nethercott, Perkins, Scott, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

Ayes 13 **Nays** 17 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0