

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0006

Legislative budget session.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Barlow, Connolly,
Greear, Paxton, Sommers and Stith and
Senator(s) Schuler and Wasserburger

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution by repealing the introductory vote requirement
3 for bills in a legislative budget session.

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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 3, Section 6 is proposed for submission
11 to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general
12 election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part
13 of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors
14 at the election:

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1 **Article 3, Section 6 Compensation of members; duration**
2 **of sessions.**

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4 The legislature shall not meet for more than sixty (60)
5 legislative working days excluding Sundays during the term
6 for which members of the house of representatives are elected,
7 except when called into special session. The legislature
8 shall determine by statute the number of days not to exceed
9 sixty (60) legislative working days to be devoted to general
10 and budget session, respectively. The legislature shall meet
11 on odd-numbered years for a general and budget session. The
12 legislature may meet on even-numbered years for budget
13 session. ~~During the budget session no bills except the budget~~
14 ~~bill may be introduced unless placed on call by a two thirds~~
15 ~~vote of either house.~~ The legislature shall meet for no more
16 than forty (40) legislative working days excluding Sundays in
17 any one (1) calendar year, except when called into special
18 session. The compensation of the members of the legislature
19 shall be as provided by law; but no legislature shall fix its
20 own compensation.

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

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2 In 1972 the Wyoming Constitution was amended to allow the
3 legislature discretion to meet in even-numbered years for a
4 "budget session." That 1972 amendment also required a super-
5 majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the
6 house or senate for legislation, other than the budget bill,
7 to be considered during any "budget session." The proposed
8 amendment would remove this 1972 change requiring a two-
9 thirds (2/3) super-majority introductory vote requirement for
10 the "budget session" and allow legislators to introduce bills
11 in both the general and budget session without an introductory
12 vote.

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