

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Citizenship-sole allegiance to the United States.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Webb

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION providing that, for purposes of
2 determining whether a person is a qualified elector, the
3 person shall not be deemed to be a United States citizen if
4 the person also possesses citizenship of a foreign adversary
5 of the United States.

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7 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
8 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
9 *separately, concurring therein:*

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11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 6, Section 5 is proposed for submission
13 to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general
14 election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part
15 of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors
16 at the election:

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2 **Article 6, Section 5. Electors must be citizens of**
3 **United States and not a foreign adversary; sole citizenship**
4 **in the United States required for elected office.**

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6 (a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector of
7 this state, unless such person be a citizen of the United
8 States.

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10 (b) For purposes of this section, no person shall be
11 deemed to be a citizen of the United States if the person
12 simultaneously possesses citizenship in any country that has
13 been declared a foreign adversary of the United States. If a
14 person is a citizen of the United States and also possesses
15 citizenship in a foreign adversary of the United States, to
16 be a qualified elector the person shall submit to the
17 secretary of state a written renunciation of foreign
18 citizenship with any foreign adversary of the United States.
19 If any person who is seeking an elected office or who holds
20 an elected office in the state of Wyoming voluntarily acquires
21 citizenship in a foreign adversary of the United States, the
22 person shall be deemed to have relinquished United States
23 citizenship for purposes of determining whether the person is

1 qualified to vote or to hold the elected office. The
2 legislature shall determine by counties that are foreign
3 adversaries of the United States.

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

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8 The adoption of this amendment would specify that, for
9 purposes of qualification to vote or to hold any elected
10 office in the state of Wyoming, no person shall be deemed to
11 be a citizen of the United States if the person simultaneously
12 possesses citizenship in a foreign adversary of the United
13 States. The amendment would provide a process for a person to
14 renounce foreign citizenship and would also specify that any
15 person who voluntarily acquires citizenship in a foreign
16 adversary while seeking election or while holding an elected
17 office would be deemed to have relinquished United States
18 citizenship for purposes of determining whether the person is
19 qualified for the elected office.

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21 (END)