

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Clem, Halverson, Henderson, Laursen, Miller, Pownall, Steinmetz, Sweeney and Winters and Senator(s) Von Flatern

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming  
2 Constitution to provide that all state mineral royalties  
3 earned from the lease of state school lands may be  
4 appropriated by the legislature for the support of the  
5 public schools for six years and providing a ballot  
6 statement.

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

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12 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming  
13 Constitution, Article 7, Section 2 is proposed for  
14 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the

1 next general election for approval or rejection to become  
2 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a  
3 majority of the electors at the election:

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5 **Article 7, Section 2. School revenues.**

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7 The following are declared to be perpetual funds for school  
8 purposes, of which the annual income only can be  
9 appropriated, to wit: Such per centum as has been or may  
10 hereafter be granted by congress on the sale of lands in  
11 this state; all moneys arising from the sale or lease of  
12 sections number sixteen and thirty-six in each township in  
13 the state, and the lands selected or that may be selected  
14 in lieu thereof; the proceeds of all lands that have been  
15 or may hereafter be granted to this state, where by the  
16 terms and conditions of the grant, the same are not to be  
17 otherwise appropriated; the net proceeds of lands and other  
18 property and effects that may come to the state by escheat  
19 or forfeiture, or from unclaimed dividends or distributive  
20 shares of the estates of deceased persons; all moneys,  
21 stocks, bonds, lands and other property now belonging to  
22 the common school funds. Provided, that the rents for the  
23 ordinary use of said lands shall be applied to the support

1 of public schools and, when authorized by general law, not  
2 to exceed thirty-three and one-third (33 1/3) per centum  
3 of oil, gas, coal, or other mineral royalties arising from  
4 the lease of any said school lands may be so applied,  
5 except for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30,  
6 2025, during which time up to one hundred (100) per centum  
7 of mineral royalties may be so applied.

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

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12 This amendment provides that from July 1, 2019 through June  
13 30, 2025 up to one hundred percent (100%) of state mineral  
14 royalties earned from the lease of state school lands may  
15 be available for appropriation by the legislature for the  
16 support of the public schools. Currently, one-third (1/3)  
17 of the mineral royalties are available for appropriation by  
18 the legislature for the support of the public schools and  
19 the remaining two-thirds (2/3) of mineral royalties are  
20 permanent funds of the state.

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