

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Term limits-statewide elected officials.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gray and Salazar and
Senator(s) Boner

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution; imposing term limits on the offices of state
3 senator and state representative, the governor, secretary of
4 state, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of public
5 instruction; and providing a ballot statement.

6

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:

10

11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 3, Section 2 and Article 4, Sections 2
13 and 11 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State
14 of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or

1 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
2 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

3

4 **Article 3, Section 2. Members' terms and**
5 **qualifications.**

6

7 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of four (4)
8 years and representatives for the term of two (2) years. The
9 senators elected at the first election shall be divided by
10 lot into two classes as nearly equal as may be. The seats of
11 senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration
12 of the first two years, and of the second class at the
13 expiration of four years. No person shall be a senator who
14 has not attained the age of twenty-five years, or a
15 representative who has not attained the age of twenty-one
16 years, and who is not a citizen of the United States and of
17 this state and who has not, for at least twelve months next
18 preceding his election resided within the county or district
19 in which he was elected.

20

21 (b) No person shall be eligible to serve as a senator
22 if the person by the end of the current term of office will
23 have served, or but for resignation would have served, twelve

1 (12) or more years in the same senate office. No person shall
2 be eligible to serve as a representative if the person by the
3 end of the current term of office will have served, or but
4 for resignation would have served, ten (10) or more years in
5 the same house of representatives office. Any time served as
6 a senator or representative before January 4, 2021, shall not
7 be counted for purposes of these term limits.

8
9 **Article 4, Section 2. Qualifications of governor; term**
10 **limit.**

11
12 No person shall be eligible to the office of governor unless
13 ~~he be~~ the person is a citizen of the United States and a
14 qualified elector of the state, who has attained the age of
15 thirty years, and who has resided 5 years next preceding the
16 election within the state or territory, nor shall ~~he the~~
17 person be eligible to any other office during the term for
18 which ~~he the person~~ was elected. No person shall be eligible
19 to serve as governor if the person by the end of the current
20 term of office will have served, or but for resignation would
21 have served, two (2) or more terms as the governor. Any time
22 served as the governor before January 4, 2021, shall not be
23 counted for purposes of this term limit.

1

2 **Article 4, Section 11. State officers; election;**
3 **qualifications; terms.**

4

5 There shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the state
6 at the times and places of choosing members of the
7 legislature, a secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and
8 superintendent of public instruction, who shall have attained
9 the age of twenty-five (25) years respectively, shall be
10 citizens of the United States, and shall have the
11 qualifications of state electors. They shall severally hold
12 their offices at the seat of government, for the term of four
13 (4) years and until their successors are elected and duly
14 qualified. The legislature may provide for such other state
15 officers as are deemed necessary. No person shall be eligible
16 to serve as the secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, or
17 superintendent of public instruction if the person by the end
18 of the current term of office will have served, or but for
19 resignation would have served, two (2) or more terms in the
20 same office. Any time served as secretary of state, auditor,
21 treasurer, or superintendent of public instruction before
22 January 4, 2021, shall not be counted for purposes of these
23 term limits.

1

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

4

5 The adoption of this amendment will impose term limits for
6 state senators and state representatives, the governor,
7 secretary of state, auditor, treasurer and superintendent of
8 public instruction. If a person will have served, or but for
9 resignation would have served, twelve (12) or more years in
10 the same senate office, ten (10) or more years in the same
11 house of representatives office or two (2) terms in elected
12 state executive office, the person would not be eligible to
13 be elected or appointed again to that office. Time served in
14 the same office before January 4, 2021 would not be counted
15 for determining term limits.

16

17

(END)