

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0005

State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Clem, Haley, Henderson, Laursen, Miller, Pownall and Sweeney and Senator(s) Gierau, Von Flatern and Wasserburger

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

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

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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 7, Section 2 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

1 of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors
2 at the election:

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

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6 The following are declared to be perpetual funds for school
7 purposes, of which the annual income only can be appropriated,
8 to wit: Such per centum as has been or may hereafter be
9 granted by congress on the sale of lands in this state; all
10 moneys arising from the sale or lease of sections number
11 sixteen and thirty-six in each township in the state, and the
12 lands selected or that may be selected in lieu thereof; the
13 proceeds of all lands that have been or may hereafter be
14 granted to this state, where by the terms and conditions of
15 the grant, the same are not to be otherwise appropriated; the
16 net proceeds of lands and other property and effects that may
17 come to the state by escheat or forfeiture, or from unclaimed
18 dividends or distributive shares of the estates of deceased
19 persons; all moneys, stocks, bonds, lands and other property
20 now belonging to the common school funds. Provided, that the
21 rents for the ordinary use of said lands shall be applied to
22 the support of public schools and, when authorized by general
23 law, not to exceed thirty-three and one-third (33 1/3) per

1 centum of oil, gas, coal, or other mineral royalties arising
2 from the lease of any said school lands may be so applied,
3 except for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027,
4 during which time up to one hundred (100) per centum of
5 mineral royalties may be so applied.

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

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10 This amendment provides that from July 1, 2021 through June
11 30, 2027 up to one hundred percent (100%) of state mineral
12 royalties earned from the lease of state school lands may be
13 available for appropriation by the legislature for the
14 support of the public schools. Currently, one-third (1/3) of
15 the mineral royalties are available for appropriation by the
16 legislature for the support of the public schools and the
17 remaining two-thirds (2/3) of mineral royalties become
18 permanent funds of the state.

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