

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0009

State militia-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Halverson, Allen, Edwards,
Pownall, Reeder and Steinmetz

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to remove the maximum age for which a resident
3 may be accepted into the state militia and providing for
4 service by those who would otherwise be exempt under
5 federal law.

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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 17, Section 1 is proposed for
13 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
14 next general election for approval or rejection to become

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

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4 **Article 17, Section 1. Of whom militia constituted.**

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6 The militia of the state shall consist of all able-bodied
7 qualified residents of the state, and those nonresidents
8 who are accepted into service, ~~between the ages of~~
9 ~~seventeen (17) and seventy (70) years~~ aged seventeen (17)
10 years and above; except those exempted by the law ~~of the~~
11 ~~United States or~~ of the state. But all residents having
12 scruples of conscience averse to bearing arms shall be
13 excused therefrom upon conditions as shall be prescribed by
14 law.

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

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1 The adoption of this amendment would change current
2 eligibility requirements to remove the maximum age for
3 which a resident may serve in the state militia. This
4 amendment would also require service in the state militia
5 for those who would otherwise be exempt under federal law.

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