

SENATE FILE NO. SJ0001

Right of privacy and right to know.

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Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to provide for a right of individual privacy
3 which shall not be construed to deprive a person of any
4 right provided by law to examine documents or to observe
5 the deliberations of any agency or political subdivision of
6 the state as specified.

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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 1, by creating a new Section 40 is
14 proposed for submission to the electors of the State of
15 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:

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4 **Article 1, Section 40. Right of privacy; right to**
5 **know.**

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7 The right of individual privacy is essential to the well-
8 being of a free society and shall not be infringed without
9 the showing of a compelling state interest. Nothing in
10 this section shall be construed to deprive a person of any
11 right provided by law to examine documents or to observe
12 the deliberations of any agency or political subdivision of
13 the state, except in cases in which the demand of
14 individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public
15 disclosure.

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

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1 The adoption of this amendment will provide for a right of
2 individual privacy which shall not be construed to deprive
3 a person of any right provided by law to examine documents
4 or to observe the deliberations of any agency or political
5 subdivision of the state, except in cases in which the
6 demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of
7 public disclosure.

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