

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0003

Introduction of budget bills-2.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
 2 Constitution to clarify and specify that more than one
 3 budget bill may be introduced in a budget session without
 4 requiring a two-thirds vote of either house.

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

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
 11 Constitution, Article 3, Section 6 is proposed for
 12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
 13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
 14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
 15 majority of the electors at the election:

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1 **Article 3, Section 6. Compensation of members;**
2 **duration of sessions.**

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4 The legislature shall not meet for more than sixty (60)
5 legislative working days excluding Sundays during the term
6 for which members of the house of representatives are
7 elected, except when called into special session. The
8 legislature shall determine by statute the number of days
9 not to exceed sixty (60) legislative working days to be
10 devoted to general and budget session, respectively. The
11 legislature shall meet on odd-numbered years for a general
12 and budget session. The legislature may meet on even-
13 numbered years for budget session. During the budget
14 session no bills except ~~the~~ budget ~~bill~~ bills may be
15 introduced unless placed on call by a two-thirds vote of
16 either house. The legislature shall meet for no more than
17 forty (40) legislative working days excluding Sundays in
18 any (1) calendar year, except when called into special
19 session. The compensation of the members of the legislature
20 shall be as provided by law; but no legislature shall fix
21 its own compensation.

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

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4 In 1972, Article 3, Section 6 of the Wyoming Constitution
5 was amended to allow the Wyoming Legislature to hold a
6 budget session. The ballot statement summarizing the 1972
7 amendment stated: "In addition, it provides that during the
8 budget session no bills except budget bills may be
9 considered unless placed on call by a special two-thirds
10 vote of either house." However the language of the
11 amendment itself apparently inadvertently stated "no bills
12 except the budget bill may be introduced" except upon two-
13 thirds vote. The adoption of this amendment eliminates
14 that difference and aligns the language with the 1972
15 ballot statement, thereby clarifying that the legislature
16 may consider more than one budget bill without a two-thirds
17 introduction vote.

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