

FISCAL NOTE

The Secretary of State's Office will experience an estimated expenditure increase of approximately \$498,000 for this resolution in FY23 for statutory publication costs. This estimate is based on anticipated publication costs for resolutions of this type of \$16,000 for introductory lines plus \$2,000 for each line of text in the proposed resolution and proposed ballot language.

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(This cost may be considered an administrative cost but is listed here for consistency.)

This constitutional amendment would create a new article 40 in the Wyoming Constitution entitled "Taxpayer's Bill of rights and Taxpayer Standing." The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would prohibit the state and local governments from imposing new taxes, increasing existing taxes or increasing debt without voter approval. It would also provide for a refund of taxes collected in excess of the maximum amount specified on the ballot, would limit state spending, and specify how surplus state funds would be distributed. This constitutional amendment would also authorize emergency taxes in specified circumstances and provides that emergency taxes shall expire if not approved by voters in the next election. Taxpayer standing would authorize citizens to commence a civil action against state governmental entities and officials and allow the State to intervene in those actions.

The fiscal impact of this constitutional amendment is indeterminable, as it would be contingent on 1) the passage of the constitutional amendment by the electors of the state of Wyoming in the 2022 General Election, 2) the actions of state and local governments in proposing new or increased taxes, 3) the passage of future tax increases by state and local electors, and 4) the future civil actions commenced by citizens.