

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0003

State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hallinan, Andrew, Baker,  
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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming  
2 Constitution to provide that two-thirds of 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 for six years 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, 2023 through June 30, 2029,  
4 during which time up to sixty-six and two-thirds (66 2/3) per  
5 centum of 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, 2023 through June  
11 30, 2029 up to two-thirds (2/3) of state mineral royalties  
12 earned from the lease of state school lands may be available  
13 for appropriation by the legislature for the support of the  
14 public schools. Currently, one-third (1/3) of the mineral  
15 royalties are available for appropriation by the legislature  
16 for the support of the public schools and the remaining two-  
17 thirds (2/3) of mineral royalties become permanent funds of  
18 the state.

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