

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0004

School capital construction amendment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution; establishing a system for funding school
3 capital construction.

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

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9 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
10 Constitution by creating Article 7, Section 24 is proposed
11 for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at
12 the next general election for approval or rejection to
13 become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
14 majority of the electors at the election:

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16 **Article 7, Section 24. School capital construction.**

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1 (a) School capital construction not funded through
2 operating revenues shall be funded through local taxes
3 authorized by a vote of the people of the school district.
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5 (b) The legislature by law shall through
6 supplementary payments or other state assistance equalize
7 the resources available to each school district for capital
8 construction purposes so that each district shall have
9 access to the equivalent of the state average assessed
10 valuation per pupil and may equalize further.
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12 (c) Only the proportion of the debt paid by local
13 taxes shall be considered in determining whether the local
14 debt limit set forth in Article 16, Section 5 of this
15 constitution has been violated.
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17 (d) The legislature shall make provision for further
18 state aid if essential facilities cannot be built within
19 the bonding capacity available to the district and may
20 provide assistance in case of emergencies.
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22 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
23 the following statements on the proposed amendment:
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1 The adoption of this amendment restores the historic school
2 bond system of funding school capital construction. It
3 requires a vote of the people to incur debt or raise taxes
4 for school construction. It requires a minimum equalization
5 to the state average assessed valuation and allows the
6 legislature to provide further equalization. It provides
7 that only that portion of the bond indebtedness paid by
8 local taxes counts against the constitutional debt limit.
9 It requires the legislature to provide additional state aid
10 if essential facilities cannot be built within the debt
11 limit and allows the legislature to provide assistance to
12 districts in cases of emergency.

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