

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Foreign law prohibition.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gay and Burkhart

## A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming  
2 Constitution to require courts in this state to rely on  
3 federal and state laws when deciding cases and to forbid  
4 courts from considering international law when deciding  
5 cases.

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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 5, Section 1 is proposed for  
13 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the  
14 next general election for approval or rejection to become  
15 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a  
16 majority of the electors at the election:

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1           **Article 5, Section 1. How judicial power vested.**

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3           (a) The judicial power of the state shall be vested  
4 in the senate, sitting as a court of impeachment, in a  
5 supreme court, district courts, and such subordinate courts  
6 as the legislature may, by general law, establish and  
7 ordain from time to time.

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9           (b) When exercising their judicial authority the  
10 courts of this state shall uphold and adhere to the law as  
11 provided in the constitution of the United States, the  
12 Wyoming constitution, the United States Code and federal  
13 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, laws of this  
14 state, common law as prescribed by legislative enactment,  
15 and if necessary the law of another state of the United  
16 States. The courts shall not consider the legal precepts  
17 of other nations or international law. The provisions of  
18 this subsection shall apply to all cases before the  
19 respective courts including, without limitation, cases of  
20 first impression.

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

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1 This amendment would require courts in this state to rely  
2 on federal and state laws when deciding cases. It would  
3 forbid courts from considering foreign or international law  
4 when deciding cases.

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