

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0010

Term limits-state elected officials.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gray and Senator(s) Salazar

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to impose term limits on the state offices of
3 senator, representative, governor, secretary of state,
4 treasurer, auditor and superintendent of public instruction.

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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 the Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 3, Section 2 and Article 4, Sections 2
12 and 11 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State
13 of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or
14 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
15 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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1 **Article 3, Section 2. Members' terms and**
2 **qualifications.**

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4 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of four (4)
5 years and representatives for the term of two (2) years. The
6 senators elected at the first election shall be divided by
7 lot into two classes as nearly equal as may be. The seats of
8 senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration
9 of the first two years, and of the second class at the
10 expiration of four years. No person shall be a senator who
11 has not attained the age of twenty-five years, or a
12 representative who has not attained the age of twenty-one
13 years, and who is not a citizen of the United States and of
14 this state and who has not, for at least twelve months next
15 preceding his election resided within the county or district
16 in which he was elected.

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18 (b) No person shall be eligible to stand for election
19 or appointment as a senator if the person by the end of the
20 current term of office for which the person was elected or
21 appointed will have served, or but for resignation or removal
22 would have served, a total of twelve (12) or more years in
23 the Wyoming senate. No person shall be eligible to stand for

1 election or appointment as a representative if the person by
2 the end of the current term of office for which the person
3 was elected or appointed will have served, or but for
4 resignation or removal would have served, a total of ten (10)
5 or more years in the Wyoming house of representatives.

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7 **Article 4, Section 2. Qualifications of governor; term**
8 **limit.**

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10 No person shall be eligible to the office of governor unless
11 ~~he be~~ the person is a citizen of the United States and a
12 qualified elector of the state, who has attained the age of
13 thirty years, and who has resided 5 years next preceding the
14 election within the state or territory, nor shall ~~he~~ the
15 person be eligible to any other office during the term for
16 which ~~he~~ the person was elected. No person shall be eligible
17 to stand for election or appointment as governor if the person
18 by the end of the current term of office as governor will
19 have served, or but for resignation or removal would have
20 served, a total of eight (8) or more years as governor.

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22 **Article 4, Section 11. State officers; election;**
23 **qualifications; terms.**

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2 There shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the state
3 at the times and places of choosing members of the
4 legislature, a secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and
5 superintendent of public instruction, who shall have attained
6 the age of twenty-five (25) years respectively, shall be
7 citizens of the United States, and shall have the
8 qualifications of state electors. They shall severally hold
9 their offices at the seat of government, for the term of four
10 (4) years and until their successors are elected and duly
11 qualified. The legislature may provide for such other state
12 officers as are deemed necessary. No person shall be eligible
13 to stand for election or appointment as the secretary of
14 state, auditor, treasurer, or superintendent of public
15 instruction if the person by the end of the current term of
16 office for which the person was elected or appointed will
17 have served, or but for resignation or removal would have
18 served, a total of eight (8) or more years in the same elected
19 office.

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

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1 The adoption of this amendment will impose term limits
2 for state senators and state representatives, the governor,
3 secretary of state, auditor, treasurer and superintendent of
4 public instruction. If a person will have served, or but for
5 resignation or removal would have served, a total of twelve
6 (12) or more years in the Wyoming senate, a total of ten (10)
7 or more years in the Wyoming house of representatives or a
8 total of eight (8) or more years in the same statewide elected
9 office, the person would not be eligible to be elected or
10 appointed again to that office.

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