

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0003

Runoff elections-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Neiman, Bear, Gray, Haroldson, Jennings, Rodriguez-Williams and Williams and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Driskill, French, Salazar and Steinmetz

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the time and process for the  
 2 legislature to reapportion its members in order to  
 3 accommodate holding primary elections in May and subsequent  
 4 runoff elections as necessary.

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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 Wyoming  
 11 Constitution, Article 3, Section 48 is proposed for  
 12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the  
 13 next general election for approval or rejection to become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority  
2 of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 3, Section 48 State census; special session.**

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6 ~~At the first budget session~~ Not later than December 10 of the  
7 year that the legislature receives population data following  
8 the federal census, the legislature shall reapportion its  
9 membership based upon that census. Notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of this article, ~~any bill to apportion the~~  
11 ~~legislature may be introduced in a budget session in the same~~  
12 ~~manner as in a general session~~ the presiding officers of each  
13 house shall, if necessary, jointly call a special session of  
14 not longer than ten (10) working days for the sole purpose of  
15 reapportioning its membership as required under this section.

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

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20 The adoption of this amendment would change the date that the  
21 legislature is required to reapportion its membership based  
22 upon the federal census and would require the legislature to  
23 convene a special session if necessary to reapportion its

1 membership. The change in timing under this amendment would  
2 allow primary elections to be moved to May to accommodate  
3 subsequent runoff elections as necessary.

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