

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0007

Initiative and referendum requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burt and Barlow

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
 2 Constitution to modify the signature requirement for
 3 initiative and referendum petitions; changing the requirement
 4 from fifteen percent (15%) of those residing in at least two-
 5 thirds (2/3) of the counties to at least fifteen percent (15%)
 6 of those residing in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the senate
 7 districts in the state.

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9 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
 10 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
 11 *separately, concurring therein:*

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13 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
 14 Constitution, Article 3, Section 52(c)(ii) is proposed for
 15 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
 16 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 52. Initiative and referendum.**

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6 (c) After certification of the application, a petition
7 containing a summary of the subject matter shall be prepared
8 by the secretary of state for circulation by the sponsors.
9 The petition may be filed with the secretary of state if it
10 meets both of the following requirements:

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12 (ii) It is signed by qualified voters equal in
13 number to fifteen percent (15%) of those resident in at least
14 two-thirds (2/3) of the ~~counties~~ senate districts of the
15 state, as determined by those who voted in the preceding
16 general election in ~~that county~~ each senate district.

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

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21 The Wyoming Constitution allows the people of the state to
22 propose and enact laws by initiative and to approve or reject
23 acts of the legislature by referendum. This amendment would

1 change the requirement for petition signatures for an
2 initiative or referendum. Currently, a petition must be
3 signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified
4 voters in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the counties. This
5 amendment would change the requirement to at least fifteen
6 percent (15%) of the qualified voters in at least two-thirds
7 (2/3) of the senate districts. This amendment will provide
8 for equal participation of Wyoming residents in the political
9 process by adhering to the "one person one vote" principle.

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