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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

Compounding investment permanent revenue account.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

- 1 A JOINT RESOLUTIONcreating a constitutional, inviolate fund,
- 2 specifying investment of the fund and directing investment
- 3 earnings to be dedicated to infrastructure, education, fixed
- 4 government expenses, inflationary expenses and the reduction
- 5 of tax burdens.

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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 create Article 15,
- 12 Section 21 of the Wyoming Constitution is proposed for

- 1 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
- 2 next general election for approval or rejection to become
- 3 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority
- 4 of the electors at the election:

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- 6 Article 15, Section 21. Wyoming compounding investment
- 7 permanent revenue account; investments; earnings.

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- 9 (a) The Wyoming compounding investment permanent
- 10 revenue account is created. The account shall be funded with
- 11 one (1) or more annual appropriations in amounts determined
- 12 by the legislature in consultation with the state treasurer.
- 13 No appropriations to the account shall be required after the
- 14 thirtieth year following the first appropriation. The
- 15 account, including all monies deposited in the account from
- 16 whatever source, shall remain inviolate except as provided in
- 17 this section. The monies in the account shall be invested as
- 18 prescribed by the legislature and in the same manner as other
- 19 permanent funds of the state.

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- 21 (b) All earnings from the investment of the Wyoming
- 22 compounding investment permanent revenue account shall be
- 23 held in the account and reinvested for not less than thirty

- 1 (30) years, upon which time earnings attributable to account
- 2 deposits made in the year thirty (30) years prior may be
- 3 distributed as prescribed by the legislature to fund
- 4 infrastructure, education and fixed government expenses, and
- 5 to address inflation and the reduction of tax burdens.

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- 7 (c) Additional annual distributions of earnings
- 8 attributable to deposits to the Wyoming compounding
- 9 investment permanent revenue account made not less than
- 10 thirty (30) years prior to the distribution may be made as
- 11 prescribed by the legislature for those purposes for which
- 12 the first distribution is authorized under subsection (b) of
- 13 this section.

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- 15 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
- 16 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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- 18 The adoption of this resolution would create a new,
- 19 constitutional fund, the investment earnings from which could
- 20 be expended only on infrastructure, education, the state's
- 21 fixed expenses, inflationary expenses and to reduce tax
- 22 burdens. The legislature would be required to make annual
- 23 deposits to the fund for thirty (30) years in amounts

- 1 determined by the legislature. Each deposit would be invested
- 2 for thirty (30) years to take advantage of the compounding
- 3 effect of invested money, and then the deposit's investment
- 4 earnings would be eligible for expenditure. All original
- 5 deposits would remain in the fund in perpetuity to be
- 6 reinvested and to provide a long-term revenue source for the
- 7 state.