

## **2006 Ballot Issues**

### **Constitutional Amendment A**

Following is the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment A as it will appear on the 2006 General Election ballot:

The adoption of this amendment would clarify that all monies deposited in the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund are inviolate permanent funds of the state.

**For a complete copy of House Enrolled Joint Resolution 1, original House Joint Resolution 4, 2006 Budget Session, please click [here](#).**

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### **PROCLAMATION**

In accordance with W.S. 22-20-108, I hereby proclaim that the following constitutional amendment, submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming in the General Election held on the 7th day of November 2006, on the ballot as Constitutional Amendment A, was ratified by a majority of electors of the State of Wyoming voting in said election, which fact has fully and in all respects been determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Wyoming, and said amendment has been adopted in full compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wyoming and has been officially certified as adopted by the State Canvassing Board at its meeting on November 15, 2006:

#### **Article 15, Section 19. Mineral excise tax; distribution.**

The Legislature shall provide by law for an excise tax on the privilege of severing or extracting minerals, of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) on the value of the gross product extracted. The minerals subject to such excise tax shall be coal, petroleum, natural gas, oil shale, and such other minerals as may be designated by the Legislature. Such tax shall be in addition to any other excise, severance or ad valorem tax. The proceeds from such tax shall be deposited in the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund. The fund, including all monies deposited in the fund from whatever source, shall remain inviolate. The monies in the fund shall be invested as prescribed by the Legislature and all income from fund investments shall be deposited by the State Treasurer in the general fund on an annual basis. The Legislature may also specify by law, conditions and

terms under which monies in the fund may be loaned to political subdivisions of the state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 15th day of November 2006.

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Dave Freudenthal  
Governor of Wyoming

ATTEST:

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Joseph B. Meyer  
Secretary of State

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### Constitutional Amendment B

Following is the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment B as it will appear on the 2006 General Election ballot:

The Wyoming Supreme Court has held that school funding must be equalized among all school districts in the state.

The adoption of this amendment would repeal the current limitation on the amount of property tax revenues that may be redistributed by the state through the School Foundation Program Account from school districts with greater property tax revenues to other school districts in the state.

**For a complete copy of Senate Enrolled Joint Resolution 1, original Senate Joint Resolution 1, 2006 Budget Session, please click [here](#).**

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### PROCLAMATION

In accordance with W.S. 22-20-108, I hereby proclaim that the following constitutional amendment, submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming in the General Election held on the 7th day of November 2006,

on the ballot as Constitutional Amendment B, was ratified by a majority of electors of the State of Wyoming voting in said election, which fact has fully and in all respects been determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Wyoming, and said amendment has been adopted in full compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wyoming and has been officially certified as adopted by the State Canvassing Board at its meeting on November 15, 2006:

**Article 15, Section 17. County levy for support and maintenance of public schools.**

There shall be levied each year in each county of the state a tax of not to exceed six (6) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property in each county for the support and maintenance of the public schools. This tax shall be collected by the county treasurer and disbursed among the school districts within the county as the legislature shall provide. The legislature may authorize boards of trustees of school districts to levy a special tax on the property of the district. The legislature may also provide for the distribution among one (1) or more school districts of any revenue from the special school district property tax in excess of a state average yield, which shall be calculated each year, per average daily membership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 15th day of November 2006.

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Dave Freudenthal  
Governor of Wyoming

ATTEST:

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Joseph B. Meyer  
Secretary of State

## Constitutional Amendment C

Following is the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment C as it will appear on the 2006 General Election ballot:

This amendment authorizes the creation of permanent funds for two purposes: First, higher education scholarships, which include the current Hathaway scholarship program; and second, improving the quality of higher education. The principal in the funds, regardless of the source of the funds, cannot be expended. The earnings must be used for the purposes specified and the legislature is authorized to regulate how the earnings are used. Earnings from funds in the current Hathaway student scholarship account are intended to be used for college scholarships. The amendment would also allow the funds to be invested as the legislature authorizes, including in stocks.

**For a complete copy of Senate Enrolled Joint Resolution 2, original Senate Joint Resolution 4, 2006 Budget Session, please click [here](#).**

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### PROCLAMATION

In accordance with W.S. 22-20-108, I hereby proclaim that the following constitutional amendment, submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming in the General Election held on the 7th day of November 2006, on the ballot as Constitutional Amendment C, was ratified by a majority of electors of the State of Wyoming voting in said election, which fact has fully and in all respects been determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Wyoming, and said amendment has been adopted in full compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wyoming and has been officially certified as adopted by the State Canvassing Board at its meeting on November 15, 2006:

#### **Article 15, Section 20. Higher education trust funds; investments; earnings.**

The legislature may from time to time place monies into endowment funds for higher education scholarships and for improving the quality of higher education, which funds shall remain inviolate. The earnings of the funds shall be used for the purposes specified in this section, but the legislature may from time to time by law regulate the manner in which the earnings are expended. The legislature may also provide for use of the earnings to protect the funds from inflation and to even fluctuations in earnings over time. The funds may be invested in the same manner as other permanent funds of the state.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 15th day of November 2006.

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