2022 General Election Ballot Issues

Constitutional Amendment A

Following is the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment A as it will appear on the 2022 General Election ballot:

The Wyoming Constitution allows the state to invest state funds in equities such as the stock of corporations, but does not allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities to the extent and in the manner the legislature may allow by law. Any law authorizing the investment of specified political subdivision funds in equities would require a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature.

A complete copy of 2021 House Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 2, Original House Joint Resolution No. HJ0009 is attached.

Constitutional Amendment B

Following is the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment B as it will appear on the 2022 General Election ballot:

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution requires Wyoming Supreme Court justices and district court judges to retire upon reaching the age of seventy (70). This amendment increases the mandatory retirement age of Supreme Court justices and district court judges from age seventy (70) to age seventy-five (75).

A complete copy of 2022 House Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 1, Original House Joint Resolution No. HJ0001 is Attached.
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to allow local government entities to invest in stocks and equities upon a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature; and providing a ballot statement.

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

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 6(a)(ii) by creating a new subparagraph (C) is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 6. Loan of credit; donations prohibited; investment of funds; works of internal improvement.

(a) Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision, shall:

(ii) Subscribe to or become the owner of the capital stock of any association or corporation, except that:

(C) The legislature may provide by law for the investment of county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision's funds in the capital stock of any association or corporation and may
designate which of these funds may be invested. The legislature may prescribe different investment conditions for each type and class of political subdivision and for each type of fund. Any legislation establishing or increasing the percentage of any fund that may be invested under this subparagraph shall be passed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of each of the two (2) houses voting separately.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:
The Wyoming Constitution allows the state to invest state funds in equities such as the stock of corporations, but does not allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities to the extent and in the manner the legislature may allow by law. Any law authorizing the investment of specified political subdivision funds in equities would require a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: _________

DATE APPROVED: _________

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution by amending the retirement age requirements for Wyoming supreme court justices and district court judges.

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

Section 1. The following proposal to amend the Wyoming Constitution, Article 5, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 5, Section 5. Voluntary retirement and compensation of justices and judges.

Subject to the further provisions of this section, the legislature shall provide for the voluntary retirement and compensation of justices and judges of the supreme court and district courts, and may do so for any other courts, on account of length of service, age and disability, and for their reassignment to active duty where and when needed. The office of every such justice and judge shall become vacant when the incumbent reaches the age of seventy (70)–seventy-five (75) years, as the legislature may prescribe; but, in the case of an incumbent whose term of office includes the effective date of this amendment, this provision shall not prevent him from serving the remainder of said term nor be applicable to him before his period or periods of judicial service shall have reached a total of six (6) years. The legislature may also provide for benefits for dependents of justices and judges.
Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution requires Wyoming Supreme Court justices and district court judges to retire upon reaching the age of seventy (70). This amendment increases the mandatory retirement age of Supreme Court justices and district court judges from age seventy (70) to age seventy-five (75).
The Constitution also currently provides an exception to the mandatory requirement to retire upon reaching age seventy (70) for justices and judges who had not yet completed six (6) years of judicial service as of December 12, 1972. The proposed amendment would remove the now-obsolete six (6) year service guarantee.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: __________

DATE APPROVED: __________

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk
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 8th day of November 2022 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 16, 2022:

Article 16, Section 6. Loan of credit; donations prohibited; investment of funds; works of internal improvement.

(a) Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision, shall:

(ii) Subscribe to or become the owner of the capital stock of any association or corporation, except that:

(C) The legislature may provide by law for the investment of county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision's funds in the capital stock of any association or corporation and may designate which of these funds may be invested. The legislature may prescribe different investment conditions for each type and class of political subdivision and for each type of fund. Any legislation establishing or increasing the percentage of any fund that may be invested under this subparagraph shall be passed only by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of each of the two (2) houses voting separately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 16th day of November 2022.

MARK GORDON
Governor of Wyoming

ATTEST:

KARL ALLRED
Wyoming Secretary of State