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into the hands of the people closest to the students is a positive goal. Our SFD has created tensions with school districts

by overruling their decisions and imposing their recommendations on projects throughout the state. Decisions made by those appointed rather than those elected make accountability and respect for the

people's wishes more elusive.

The SFD must be constantly reminded of its mission by the governor and legislature and held to account.

6. Say one thing positive about

your opponent(s).

Anyone willing to put himself out there in the challenging realm of politics deserves respect and a thank you. So, thank you!

# 2012 constitutional amendments: pro and con

By the Wyoming League of Women Voters

Constitutional amendment proposals have passed each legislative body by a two-thirds vote before appearing on the general election ballot.

Each amendment is voted on individually and each must receive an affirmative vote of a majority of all those voting in the election - thus, a person who does not vote on the amendment but votes on other items on the ballot is counted as a "no" vote.

## Amendment A

Article 1, Section 38. Right of Health Care Access.

a) Each competent adult shall have the right to make his or her own health care decisions. The parent, guardian, or legal representative of any other natural person shall have the right to make health care decisions for that person.

b) Any person may pay, and a health care provider may accept, direct payment for health care without imposition of penalties or fines for doing so.

c) The Legislature may determine reasonable and necessary restrictions on the rights granted under this section to protect the health and general welfare of the people or to accomplish the other purposes set forth in the Wyoming Constitution.

d) The State of Wyoming shall act to preserve these rights from undue governmental infringement.

The ballot will read: "The adoption of this amendment will provide that the right to make health care decisions is reserved to the citizens of the state of Wyoming. It permits any person to pay and

any health care provider to receive direct payment for services. The amendment permits the legislature to place reasonable and necessary restrictions on health care consistent with the purposes of the Wyoming Constitution and provides that this state shall act to preserve these rights from undue governmental infringement."

**Pro**

• This amendment would ensure that there will be no requirements concerning health care insurance for Wyoming residents.

• This proposed amendment is an attempt to remove Wyoming from the effects of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act passed by Congress.

• This proposed amendment is a step toward exempting Wyoming residents from any future expense associated with nationally funded health insurance programs.

**Con**

• Passage of this amendment would mean Wyoming residents would not benefit from any measures to reduce health care insurance premiums.

• Passage of this amendment would not prohibit insurers from excluding or dropping people with pre-existing conditions or who develop serious, costly medical problems.

• Passage of this amendment may increase the possibility that Wyoming could be involved in court action against the federal government that would be costly, lengthy and not in the best interests of Wyoming citizens.

## Amendment B

Article 1, Section 38. Opportunity to

hunt, fish and trap.

The opportunity to fish, hunt and trap wildlife is a heritage that shall forever be preserved to the individual citizens of the state, subject to regulation as prescribed by law, and does not create a right to trespass on private property, diminish other private rights or alter the duty of the state to manage wildlife.

The ballot will read: "The adoption of this amendment will recognize and preserve the heritage of Wyoming citizens' opportunity to fish, hunt and trap wildlife, subject to regulation as prescribed by law."

**Pro**

• Passage of this amendment might help to limit the influence of various national groups which want to restrict hunting and trapping on state and federal lands.

• This amendment is designed to preserve hunting, fishing and trapping for future generations of Wyoming residents on both public and private lands.

**Con**

• This proposed amendment elevates the right to hunt, fish and trap to a superior position over other inherent rights by placing it in the Wyoming Constitution.

• There is no immediate threat to these rights in Wyoming, and statutory authority already exists to protect these rights.

## Amendment C

Article 5, Section 14. District courts generally; commissioners.

The Legislature shall provide by law for the appointment by the several district courts of one or more district court commissioners (who shall be persons learned in the law) in each organized county in which a district court

is holden, such commissioners shall have authority to perform such (strike wording) chamber (end strike wording) business (strike wording) in the absence of the district judge from the county or upon his written statement filed with the papers, that it is improper for him to act (end strike wording), as may be prescribed by law, to take depositions and perform such other duties, and receive such compensation as shall be prescribed by law.

(Note: Stricken words would be removed from existing law.)

The ballot will read: The adoption of this amendment would expand the authority of district court commissioners. If the amendment is adopted, a district court commissioner could perform additional duties assigned by a district court judge, subject to any restrictions the legislature may impose by law.

**Pro**

• The case load for district judges has increased dramatically since the Wyoming Constitution was written. Using court commissioners for some non-trial duties will help to expedite the legal process for Wyoming citizens.

• Many statutes have specific, short, time requirements for district court attention. For example: juvenile actions. If the district judge is hearing a trial, or is in another county, a court commissioner can act on behalf of the judge.

**Con**

• The existing language has worked since the Wyoming Constitution was written.

• Court commissioners have not gone through the selection process used to appoint district judges.