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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4217

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State of Washington

61st Legislature

2010 Regular Session

By Representative Hinkle

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to  
6 Article II, section 12 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 12. (1) Regular Sessions. A regular session  
9 of the legislature shall be convened each odd-numbered year. Regular  
10 sessions shall convene on such day and at such time as the legislature  
11 shall determine by statute. (~~During each odd-numbered year,~~) The  
12 regular session shall not be more than one hundred five consecutive  
13 days. (~~During each even-numbered year, the regular session shall not~~  
14 ~~be more than sixty consecutive days.~~)

15 (2) Special Legislative Sessions. Special legislative sessions may  
16 be convened for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days by  
17 proclamation of the governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this  
18 Constitution. Special legislative sessions may also be convened for a  
19 period of not more than thirty consecutive days by resolution of the

1 legislature upon the affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of  
2 the members elected or appointed thereto, which vote may be taken and  
3 resolution executed either while the legislature is in session or  
4 during any interim between sessions in accordance with such procedures  
5 as the legislature may provide by law or resolution. The resolution  
6 convening the legislature shall specify a purpose or purposes for the  
7 convening of a special session, and any special session convened by the  
8 resolution shall consider only measures germane to the purpose or  
9 purposes expressed in the resolution, unless by resolution adopted  
10 during the session upon the affirmative vote in each house of  
11 two-thirds of the members elected or appointed thereto, an additional  
12 purpose or purposes are expressed. The specification of purpose by the  
13 governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this Constitution shall  
14 be considered by the legislature but shall not be mandatory.

15 (3) Committees of the Legislature. Standing and special committees  
16 of the legislature shall meet and conduct official business pursuant to  
17 such rules as the legislature may adopt.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
19 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
20 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal  
21 newspaper in the state.

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