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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4222

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By Representatives Appleton, Hunt, and Finn

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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 15 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8            Article II, section 15. Such vacancies as may occur in either  
9 house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office  
10 shall be filled by appointment by the county legislative authority of  
11 the county in which the vacancy occurs: *Provided*, That the person  
12 appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative  
13 district, county, or county commissioner or council district and the  
14 same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective  
15 officer whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three  
16 persons who shall be nominated by the (~~county central~~) legislative  
17 district committee of that party, and in case a majority of the members  
18 of the county legislative authority do not agree upon the appointment  
19 within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within

1 thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for  
2 herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative  
3 district, county, or county commissioner or council district and of the  
4 same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective  
5 officer whose office has been vacated, and the person so appointed  
6 shall hold office until his or her successor is elected at the next  
7 general election, and has qualified: *Provided*, That in case of a  
8 vacancy occurring after the general election in a year that the office  
9 appears on the ballot and before the start of the next term, the term  
10 of the successor who is of the same party as the incumbent may commence  
11 once he or she has qualified and shall continue through the term for  
12 which he or she was elected: *Provided*, That in case of a vacancy  
13 occurring in the office of joint senator, or joint representative, the  
14 vacancy shall be filled from a list of three nominees selected by the  
15 (~~state central~~) legislative district committee, by appointment by the  
16 joint action of the boards of county legislative authorities of the  
17 counties composing the joint senatorial or joint representative  
18 district, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the  
19 same legislative district and of the same political party as the  
20 legislator whose office has been vacated, and in case a majority of the  
21 members of the county legislative authority do not agree upon the  
22 appointment within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor  
23 shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees  
24 provided for herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same  
25 legislative district and of the same political party as the legislator  
26 whose office has been vacated.

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

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