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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8216**

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Braun, Rolfes, Becker, Holy, Honeyford, Mullet, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Wagoner, and Warnick

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

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to read as follows:

Article II, section . . .. The governor shall propose, and the legislature shall enact, an omnibus operating appropriations bill that balances in the current fiscal biennium and next ensuing fiscal biennium. The requirement to balance over the next ensuing fiscal biennium is not required in a fiscal biennium when money is appropriated from the budget stabilization account under Article VII, section 12(d)(ii) of this Constitution or when the legislature waives this requirement by the favorable vote of at least three-fifths of the members elected or appointed to each house of the legislature. The legislature shall enact appropriate laws to carry out the purposes of this section.

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