

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8206

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By Senators Saling, Metcalf, Amondson, Thorsness, Barr, Stratton and Bailey.

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

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Articles II
6 and III of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding new
7 sections to read as follows:

8 Article II, section No person may hold the office of
9 senator or representative or combination thereof for more than twelve
10 years, whether such office or offices are held consecutively or
11 nonconsecutively. A person may not file for or be appointed to the
12 office of senator or representative if serving the term or remainder of
13 the term would violate this twelve-year limitation. Service in the
14 office of senator or representative before the second Monday in January
15 1993, shall not be used when applying this twelve-year limitation.

1 Article III, section No person may hold the office of
2 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor,
3 attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of
4 public lands, or insurance commissioner, or combination of such
5 offices, for more than twelve years, whether such office or offices are
6 held consecutively or nonconsecutively. A person may not file for or
7 be appointed to any such office if serving the term or remainder of the
8 term would violate this twelve-year limitation. Service in any of the
9 offices listed in this section before the Wednesday after the second
10 Monday in January 1993, shall not be used when applying this twelve-
11 year limitation.

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment shall be
17 construed as a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII,
18 section 1 of the state Constitution.

19 The legislature finds that the changes contained in the foregoing
20 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for limiting terms of
21 state elected officials. If the foregoing amendment is held to be
22 separate amendments, this joint resolution shall be void in its
23 entirety and shall be of no further force and effect.