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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8221

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By Senators Nelson, Talmadge, McMullen, Owen, Thorsness, Moore, Oke and A. Smith.

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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 there  
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their  
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article IV,  
6 section 6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8            Article IV, section 6. (~~The superior court shall have original~~  
9 ~~jurisdiction in all cases in equity and in all cases at law which~~  
10 ~~involve the title or possession of real property, or the legality of~~  
11 ~~any tax, impost, assessment, toll, or municipal fine, and in all other~~  
12 ~~cases in which the demand or the value of the property in controversy~~  
13 ~~amounts to three thousand dollars or as otherwise determined by law, or~~  
14 ~~a lesser sum in excess of the jurisdiction granted to justices of the~~  
15 ~~peace and other inferior courts, and in all criminal cases amounting to~~  
16 ~~felony, and in all cases of misdemeanor not otherwise provided for by~~

1 ~~law; of actions of forcible entry and detainer; of proceedings in~~  
2 ~~insolvency; of actions to prevent or abate a nuisance; of all matters~~  
3 ~~of probate, of divorce, and for annulment of marriage; and for such~~  
4 ~~special cases and proceedings as are not otherwise provided for.))~~The  
5 legislature shall determine the number of judges of the superior court  
6 to be elected and shall prescribe by law the powers, duties, and  
7 jurisdiction of judges of the superior court. The superior court shall  
8 ((also)) have original jurisdiction in all cases and of all proceedings  
9 in which jurisdiction shall not have been by law vested exclusively in  
10 some other court; and said court shall have the power of naturalization  
11 and to issue papers therefor. They shall have such appellate  
12 jurisdiction in cases arising in ((justices' and other inferior))  
13 courts of limited jurisdiction in their respective counties as may be  
14 prescribed by law. They shall always be open, except on nonjudicial  
15 days, and their process shall extend to all parts of the state. Said  
16 courts and their judges shall have power to issue writs of mandamus,  
17 quo warranto, review, certiorari, prohibition, and writs of habeas  
18 corpus, on petition by or on behalf of any person in actual custody in  
19 their respective counties. Injunctions and writs of prohibition and of  
20 habeas corpus may be issued and served on legal holidays and  
21 nonjudicial days.

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