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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8204

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By Senator Quigley

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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 III of  
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington by repealing section 23  
7 thereof in its entirety; and an amendment to Article III, sections 1,  
8 3, 24, and 25 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
9 follows:

10 Article III, section 1. Executive department. The executive  
11 department shall consist of a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary  
12 of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, and a superintendent of  
13 public instruction, (~~and a commissioner of public lands,~~) who shall  
14 be severally chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the same  
15 time and place of voting as for the members of the legislature.

16 Article III, section 3. Other executive officers, terms of  
17 office. The lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,  
18 auditor, attorney general, and superintendent of public instruction,  
19 (~~and commissioner of public lands,~~) shall hold their offices for four

1 years respectively, and until their successors are elected and  
2 qualified.

3 Article III, section 24. Records, where kept, etc. The governor,  
4 secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, superintendent of public  
5 instruction, (~~commissioner of public lands~~) and attorney general  
6 shall severally keep the public records, books and papers relating to  
7 their respective offices, at the seat of government, at which place  
8 also the governor, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall  
9 reside.

10 Article III, section 25. Qualifications, compensation, offices  
11 which may be abolished. No person, except a citizen of the United  
12 States and a qualified elector of this state, shall be eligible to hold  
13 any state office. The compensation for state officers shall not be  
14 increased or diminished during the term for which they shall have been  
15 elected. The legislature may in its discretion abolish the offices of  
16 the lieutenant governor(~~(7)~~) and auditor (~~(and commissioner of public~~  
17 ~~lands)~~).

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

21 The legislature finds that the changes contained in the foregoing  
22 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for the purposes of  
23 abolishing the position of commissioner of public lands. If the  
24 foregoing amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint  
25 resolution shall be void in its entirety and shall be of no further  
26 force and effect.

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

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