
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8205

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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 19
7 thereof in its entirety; and an amendment to Article III, sections 1,
8 3, 10, and 24 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to be
9 effective January 12, 1998, to read as follows:

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

16 Article III, section 3. The lieutenant governor, secretary of
17 state, (~~treasurer,~~) auditor, attorney general, superintendent of
18 public instruction, and commissioner of public lands, shall hold their
19 offices for four years respectively, and until their successors are
20 elected and qualified.

1 Article III, section 10. In case of the removal, resignation,
2 death or disability of the governor, the duties of the office shall
3 devolve upon the lieutenant governor; and in case of a vacancy in both
4 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, the duties of the
5 governor shall devolve upon the secretary of state. In addition to the
6 line of succession to the office and duties of governor as hereinabove
7 indicated, if the necessity shall arise, in order to fill the vacancy
8 in the office of governor, the following state officers shall succeed
9 to the duties of governor and in the order named, viz.: (~~Treasurer,~~)
10 Auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction and
11 commissioner of public lands. In case of the death, disability,
12 failure or refusal of the person regularly elected to the office of
13 governor to qualify at the time provided by law, the duties of the
14 office shall devolve upon the person regularly elected to and qualified
15 for the office of lieutenant governor, who shall act as governor until
16 the disability be removed, or a governor be elected; and in case of the
17 death, disability, failure or refusal of both the governor and the
18 lieutenant governor elect to qualify, the duties of the governor shall
19 devolve upon the secretary of state; and in addition to the line of
20 succession to the office and duties of governor as hereinabove
21 indicated, if there shall be the failure or refusal of any officer
22 named above to qualify, and if the necessity shall arise by reason
23 thereof, then in that event in order to fill the vacancy in the office
24 of governor, the following state officers shall succeed to the duties
25 of governor in the order named, viz: (~~Treasurer,~~) Auditor, attorney
26 general, superintendent of public instruction and commissioner of
27 public lands. Any person succeeding to the office of governor as in
28 this section provided, shall perform the duties of such office only
29 until the disability be removed, or a governor be elected and
30 qualified; and if a vacancy occur more than thirty days before the next
31 general election occurring within two years after the commencement of
32 the term, a person shall be elected at such election to fill the office
33 of governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

34 Article III, section 24. The governor, secretary of state,
35 (~~treasurer,~~) auditor, superintendent of public instruction,
36 commissioner of public lands and attorney general shall severally keep
37 the public records, books and papers relating to their respective
38 offices, at the seat of government, at which place also the governor,
39 secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall reside.

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

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