
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8203

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1997 Regular Session

By Senator McCaslin

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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 II,
6 section 12 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as
7 follows:

8 Article II, section 12. (1) Regular Sessions. A regular session
9 of the legislature shall be convened each odd-numbered year. Regular
10 sessions shall convene on such day and at such time as the legislature
11 shall determine by statute. (~~During each odd-numbered year,~~) The
12 regular session shall not be more than one hundred ~~((five))~~ twenty
13 consecutive days. (~~During each even-numbered year, the regular~~
14 ~~session shall not be more than sixty consecutive days.~~)

15 (2) Special Legislative Sessions. Special legislative sessions may
16 be convened for a period of not more than ~~((thirty))~~ fifteen
17 consecutive days by proclamation of the governor pursuant to Article
18 III, section 7 of this Constitution. Special legislative sessions may
19 also be convened for a period of not more than ~~((thirty))~~ fifteen
20 consecutive days by resolution of the legislature upon the affirmative
21 vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed

1 thereto, which vote may be taken and resolution executed either while
2 the legislature is in session or during any interim between sessions in
3 accordance with such procedures as the legislature may provide by law
4 or resolution. The resolution convening the legislature shall specify
5 a purpose or purposes for the convening of a special session, and any
6 special session convened by the resolution shall consider only measures
7 germane to the purpose or purposes expressed in the resolution, unless
8 by resolution adopted during the session upon the affirmative vote in
9 each house of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed thereto,
10 an additional purpose or purposes are expressed. If the specification
11 of purpose by the governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this
12 Constitution limits the special session to fiscal matters only, the
13 special session shall be limited to consideration of budgets and
14 matters necessary to implement budgets, appropriations, and tax
15 measures. Any other specification of purpose by the governor shall be
16 considered by the legislature but shall not be mandatory.

17 (3) Committees of the Legislature. Standing and special committees
18 of the legislature shall meet and conduct official business pursuant
19 to such rules as the legislature may adopt.

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

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