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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4200**

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**By** Representatives Lantz, O'Brien, McDonald, Hurst, Cairnes, Dunshee, Delvin, Kessler, Stensen, Kenney, Dickerson, Barlean, Cooper, Ogden, Wood, Mitchell, H. Sommers, Tokuda, Esser, McIntire and Conway; by request of Board for Judicial Administration

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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 the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to  
6 Article IV, section 17 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section 17. ((No)) A person ((shall-be)) is not  
9 eligible to hold the office of judge of the supreme court((,-or))  
10 unless he or she has been admitted to the practice of law in the courts  
11 of record of this state not less than ten years prior to taking office.  
12 A person is not eligible to hold the office of judge of the court of  
13 appeals unless he or she has been admitted to the practice of law in  
14 the courts of record of this state not less than seven years prior to  
15 taking office. A person is not eligible to hold the office of judge of  
16 a superior court((,-)) unless he ((shall-have)) or she has been admitted  
17 to the practice of law in the courts of record of this state((,-or-of  
18 the Territory of Washington)) not less than five years prior to taking  
19 office.

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

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