
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8218

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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 II, section 10 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 10. Each house shall elect its own officers((+
9 and)).

10 When the lieutenant governor shall not attend as president, or
11 shall act as governor, the senate shall choose a temporary president.
12 When presiding, the lieutenant governor shall have the deciding vote in
13 case of an equal division of the senate.

14 When no candidate for presiding officer of the house of
15 representatives receives a majority vote of the entire membership of
16 the house of representatives, the secretary of state shall serve as
17 presiding officer of the house of representatives. When presiding, the
18 secretary of state shall have no vote unless the house of
19 representatives is equally divided, including organizational matters
20 and final passage of bills, and shall be counted as a member of the
21 house of representatives for the purpose of determining a majority

1 under Article II, section 22 in such matters. While acting as
2 presiding officer of the house of representatives, all statutory duties
3 of the presiding officer shall be performed by the secretary of state.

4 Article III, section 17. The secretary of state shall keep a
5 record of the official acts of the legislature, and executive
6 department of the state, and shall, when required, lay the same, and
7 all matters relative thereto, before either branch of the legislature,
8 and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned him or her by
9 law. (~~He shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred~~
10 ~~dollars, which may be increased by the legislature, but shall never~~
11 ~~exceed three thousand dollars per annum.~~)

12 The secretary of state shall be the presiding officer of the house
13 of representatives when authorized by Article II, section 10.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment
15 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state
16 Constitution.

17 The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment
18 constitute a single integrated plan for determining the presiding
19 officer for the house of representatives. If this amendment is held to
20 be separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety
21 and is of no further force and effect.

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

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