
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8221

State of Washington 57th Legislature

2002 Regular Session

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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 12 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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