
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4200

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

8 Article II, section 42. The legislature, in order to insure
9 continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of
10 emergency resulting from a catastrophic incident or enemy attack,
11 shall have the power and the duty, immediately upon and after
12 adoption of this amendment, to enact legislation providing for prompt
13 and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices
14 of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the
15 incumbents and legal successors of which may become unavailable for
16 carrying on the powers and duties of such offices; the legislature
17 shall likewise enact such other measures as may be necessary and
18 proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations during
19 such emergencies. Legislation enacted under the powers conferred by
20 this amendment shall in all respects conform to the remainder of the
21 Constitution: *Provided*, That if, in the judgment of the legislature
22 at the time of (~~disaster~~) the emergency, conformance to the

1 provisions of the Constitution would be impracticable or would admit
2 of undue delay, such legislation may depart during the period of
3 emergency caused by a catastrophic incident or enemy attack only,
4 from the following sections of the Constitution:

5 Article 14, Sections 1 and 2, Seat of Government;

6 Article 2, Sections 8, 15 (Amendments 13 and 32), and 22,
7 Membership, Quorum of Legislature and Passage of Bills;

8 Article 3, Section 10 (Amendment 6), Succession to Governorship:
9 *Provided*, That the legislature shall not depart from Section 10,
10 Article III, as amended by Amendment 6, of the state Constitution
11 relating to the Governor's office so long as any successor therein
12 named is available and capable of assuming the powers and duties of
13 such office as therein prescribed;

14 Article 3, Section 13, Vacancies in State Offices;

15 Article 11, Section 6, Vacancies in County Offices;

16 Article 11, Section 2, Seat of County Government;

17 Article 3, Section 24, State Records.

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

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