
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4219

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By Representative Appelwick.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE 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 IV,
6 section 7 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as
7 follows:

8 Article IV, section 7. (a) The judge of any superior court may
9 hold a superior court in any county at the request of the judge of the
10 superior court thereof, and upon the request of the governor it shall
11 be ~~((his))~~ the judge's duty to do so.

12 (b) A case in the superior court may be tried by a judge, pro
13 tempore, who must be a member of the bar ~~((, agreed upon in writing by
14 the parties litigant, or their attorneys of record, approved by the
15 court))~~ and sworn to try the case. The court may appoint as a judge
16 pro tempore a person agreed upon in writing by the parties to the case

1 and approved by the court. Absent such agreement and approval, a judge
2 pro tempore may be appointed by the court from a list of qualified
3 attorneys selected in accordance with supreme court rule providing for
4 judges pro tempore, under exigent circumstances. However, if a
5 previously elected judge of the superior court retires leaving a
6 pending case in which the judge has made discretionary rulings, the
7 judge is entitled to hear the pending case as a judge pro tempore
8 without any written agreement or other selection process.

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