
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4216

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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 there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article
6 XXVIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to
7 read as follows:

8 Article XXVIII, section 1. Salaries for members of the
9 legislature, elected officials of the executive branch of state
10 government, and judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals,
11 superior courts, and district courts shall be fixed biennially every
12 even-numbered year by an independent commission created and directed by
13 law to that purpose. No state official, public employee, or person
14 required by law to register with a state agency as a lobbyist, or
15 immediate family member of the official, employee, or lobbyist, may be
16 a member of that commission.

17 As used in this section the phrase "immediate family" has the
18 meaning that is defined by law.

19 Any change of salary shall be filed with the secretary of state and
20 shall become law ninety days thereafter without action of the
21 legislature or governor, but shall be subject to referendum petition by

1 the people, filed within the ninety-day period. Any change of salary
2 shall not be filed or made public while the legislature is in session,
3 but shall be filed with the secretary of state no later than May 31st
4 of each even-numbered year notwithstanding. Referendum measures under
5 this section shall be submitted to the people at the next following
6 general election, and shall be otherwise governed by the provisions of
7 this Constitution generally applicable to referendum measures. The
8 salaries fixed pursuant to this section shall become effective on the
9 first day of the regular session of each odd-numbered year. The
10 salaries fixed pursuant to this section shall supersede any other
11 provision for the salaries of members of the legislature, elected
12 officials of the executive branch of state government, and judges of
13 the state's supreme court, court of appeals, superior courts, and
14 district courts. The salaries for such officials in effect on January
15 12, 1987, shall remain in effect until changed pursuant to this
16 section.

17 After the initial adoption of a law by the legislature creating the
18 independent commission, no amendment to such act which alters the
19 composition of the commission shall be valid unless the amendment is
20 enacted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members elected to
21 each house of the legislature and is subject to referendum petition.

22 The provisions of section 14 of Article IV, sections 14, 16, 17,
23 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Article III, and section 23 of Article II,
24 insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded. The
25 provisions of section 1 of Article II relating to referendum
26 procedures, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby
27 superseded with regard to the salaries governed by this section.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment shall be
29 construed as a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII,
30 section 1 of the state Constitution.

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

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