

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8210

54th Legislature  
1995 Regular Session

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YEAS 40 NAYS 6

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8210** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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Secretary

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Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State  
State of Washington

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**By** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Smith, McCaslin, Gaspard, Deccio, Wojahn, Snyder, Haugen, Morton, Long, Hale, Rinehart, Newhouse, Loveland, McDonald, Palmer, Bauer, Oke and Winsley; by request of Supreme Court)

Read first time 2/16/95.

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 IV,  
6 section 3 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8       Article IV, section 3. The judges of the supreme court shall be  
9 elected by the qualified electors of the state at large at the general  
10 state election at the times and places at which state officers are  
11 elected, unless some other time be provided by the legislature. The  
12 first election of judges of the supreme court shall be at the election  
13 which shall be held upon the adoption of this Constitution and the  
14 judges elected thereat shall be classified by lot, so that two shall  
15 hold their office for the term of three years, two for the term of five  
16 years, and one for the term of seven years. The lot shall be drawn by  
17 the judges who shall for that purpose assemble at the seat of  
18 government, and they shall cause the result thereof to be certified to  
19 the secretary of state, and filed in his office. The ((~~judge having~~  
20 ~~the shortest term to serve not holding his office by appointment or~~

1 ~~election to fill a vacancy, shall be))~~ supreme court shall select a  
2 chief justice from its own membership to serve for a four-year term at  
3 the pleasure of a majority of the court as prescribed by supreme court  
4 rule. The chief justice(~~(, and))~~) shall preside at all sessions of the  
5 supreme court(~~(, and in case there shall be two judges having in like~~  
6 ~~manner the same short term, the other judges of the supreme court shall~~  
7 ~~determine which of them shall be chief justice))~~). In case of the  
8 absence of the chief justice, the (~~(judge having in like manner the~~  
9 ~~shortest or next shortest term to serve shall preside))~~) majority of the  
10 remaining court shall select one of their members to serve as acting  
11 chief justice. After the first election the terms of judges elected  
12 shall be six years from and after the second Monday in January next  
13 succeeding their election. If a vacancy occur in the office of a judge  
14 of the supreme court the governor shall only appoint a person to ensure  
15 the number of judges as specified by the legislature, to hold the  
16 office until the election and qualification of a judge to fill the  
17 vacancy, which election shall take place at the next succeeding general  
18 election, and the judge so elected shall hold the office for the  
19 remainder of the unexpired term. The term of office of the judges of  
20 the supreme court, first elected, shall commence as soon as the state  
21 shall have been admitted into the Union, and continue for the term  
22 herein provided, and until their successors are elected and qualified.  
23 The sessions of the supreme court shall be held at the seat of  
24 government until otherwise provided by law.

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

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