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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4205

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By Representatives Lantz and Carrell; by request of Administrator for the Courts

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

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

8 Article IV, section 7. The judge of any superior court may hold a  
9 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 or her duty to do so. A case in the superior court may be tried  
12 by a judge((~~7~~)) pro tempore, who must be either: (1) A member of the  
13 bar, agreed upon in writing by the parties litigant, or their attorneys  
14 of record, approved by the court and sworn to try the case; or (2)  
15 pursuant to supreme court rule, any previously elected judge, active or  
16 retired. ((~~However, if a previously elected judge of the superior~~  
17 ~~court retires leaving a pending case in which the judge has made~~  
18 ~~discretionary rulings, the judge is entitled to hear the pending case~~  
19 ~~as a judge pro tempore without any written agreement.~~))

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

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