
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8218

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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, sections 5 and 6 of the Constitution of the state of
7 Washington to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 5. The next election of the members of the
9 house of representatives after the adoption of this Constitution shall
10 be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, eighteen
11 hundred and ninety, and thereafter, members of the house of
12 representatives shall be elected biennially and their term of office
13 shall be two years; and each election shall be on the first Tuesday
14 after the first Monday in November, unless otherwise changed by law.
15 Members of the house of representatives shall be elected by single
16 districts of convenient and contiguous territory.

17 Article II, section 6. After the first election the senators shall
18 be elected by single districts of convenient and contiguous territory,
19 at the same time and in the same manner as members of the house of
20 representatives are required to be elected(~~(; and no representative~~

1 ~~district shall be divided in the formation of a senatorial district~~)).
2 They shall be elected for the term of four years, one-half of their
3 number retiring every two years. The senatorial districts shall be
4 numbered consecutively, and the senators chosen at the first election
5 had by virtue of this Constitution, in odd numbered districts, shall go
6 out of office at the end of the first year; and the senators, elected
7 in the even numbered districts, shall go out of office at the end of
8 the third year.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment
10 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state
11 Constitution.

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

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