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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8216**

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**By** Senators Braun, Rolfes, Becker, Holy, Honeyford, Mullet, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Wagoner, and Warnick

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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 of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a  
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article II, section . . . . The governor shall propose, and the  
9 legislature shall enact, an omnibus operating appropriations bill  
10 that balances in the current fiscal biennium and next ensuing fiscal  
11 biennium. The requirement to balance over the next ensuing fiscal  
12 biennium is not required in a fiscal biennium when money is  
13 appropriated from the budget stabilization account under Article VII,  
14 section 12(d)(ii) of this Constitution or when the legislature waives  
15 this requirement by the favorable vote of at least three-fifths of  
16 the members elected or appointed to each house of the legislature.  
17 The legislature shall enact appropriate laws to carry out the  
18 purposes of this section.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
20 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every  
2 legal newspaper in the state.

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