
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8229

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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 XXVII
6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as follows:

7 Article XXVIII. (~~Salaries for members of the legislature,~~
8 ~~elected officials of the executive branch of state government, and~~
9 ~~judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals, superior courts,~~
10 ~~and district courts shall be fixed by an independent commission created~~
11 ~~and directed by law to that purpose. No state official, public~~
12 ~~employee, or person required by law to register with a state agency as~~
13 ~~a lobbyist, or immediate family member of the official, employee, or~~
14 ~~lobbyist, may be a member of that commission. As used in this~~
15 ~~section the phrase "immediate family" has the meaning that is defined~~
16 ~~by law.~~

1 Any change of salary shall be filed with the secretary of state and
2 shall become law ninety days thereafter without action of the
3 legislature or governor, but shall be subject to referendum petition by
4 the people, filed within the ninety day period. Referendum measures
5 under this section shall be submitted to the people at the next
6 following general election, and shall be otherwise governed by the
7 provisions of this Constitution generally applicable to referendum
8 measures. The salaries fixed pursuant to this section shall supersede
9 any other provision for the salaries of members of the legislature,
10 elected officials of the executive branch of state government, and
11 judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals, superior courts,
12 and district courts. The salaries for such officials in effect on
13 January 12, 1987, shall remain in effect until changed pursuant to this
14 section.

15 After the initial adoption of a law by the legislature creating the
16 independent commission, no amendment to such act which alters the
17 composition of the commission shall be valid unless the amendment is
18 enacted by a favorable vote of two thirds of the members elected to
19 each house of the legislature and is subject to referendum petition.))
20 All elected state officials shall each severally receive such
21 compensation as the legislature may direct. The compensation of any
22 state officer shall not be increased or diminished during his or her
23 term of office.

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

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