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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8231**

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**By** Senators Vognild, Hayner, Skratek, McCaslin, Snyder, Newhouse, Madsen, Erwin, Stratton, Sellar, Sutherland and Nelson

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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 II,  
6 section 15 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8 Article II, section 15. Such vacancies as may occur in either  
9 house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office  
10 shall be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners of  
11 the county in which the vacancy occurs: PROVIDED, That the person  
12 appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative  
13 district, county or county commissioner district and the same political  
14 party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose  
15 office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be

1 nominated by the county central committee of that party, and in case a  
2 majority of said county commissioners do not agree upon the appointment  
3 within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within  
4 thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for  
5 herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative  
6 district, county or county commissioner district and of the same  
7 political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer  
8 whose office has been vacated, and the person so appointed shall hold  
9 office until his successor is elected at the next general election, and  
10 shall have qualified: PROVIDED, That if the vacancy occurs in a  
11 legislative district or county commissioner district, the nomination to  
12 fill the vacancy shall be made by the precinct committee persons of the  
13 same political party as the legislator or commissioner whose office has  
14 been vacated from the affected legislative district or commissioner  
15 district, not the county central committee of the party: PROVIDED,  
16 That in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of joint senator, or  
17 joint representative, the vacancy shall be filled from a list of three  
18 nominees selected by the state central committee, by appointment by the  
19 joint action of the boards of county commissioners of the counties  
20 composing the joint senatorial or joint representative district, the  
21 person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative  
22 district and of the same political party as the legislator whose office  
23 has been vacated, and in case a majority of said county commissioners  
24 do not agree upon the appointment within sixty days after the vacancy  
25 occurs, the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the  
26 list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who shall be  
27 from the same legislative district and of the same political party as  
28 the legislator whose office has been vacated.

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.