
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8224

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By Senators Quigley, West, Pelz, Snyder and Talmadge

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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 III of
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington by repealing section 19
7 thereof in its entirety; and an amendment to Article III, sections 1,
8 3, 10, and 24 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to be
9 effective January 13, 1997, to read as follows:

10 Article III, section 1. Executive department. The executive
11 department shall consist of a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary
12 of state, (~~treasurer,~~) auditor, attorney general, superintendent of
13 public instruction, and a commissioner of public lands, who shall be
14 severally chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the same
15 time and place of voting as for the members of the legislature.

16 Article III, section 3. Other executive officers, terms of office.
17 The lieutenant governor, secretary of state, (~~treasurer,~~) auditor,
18 attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and
19 commissioner of public lands, shall hold their offices for four years
20 respectively, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

1 Article III, section 10. Vacancy in office of governor. In case
2 of the removal, resignation, death or disability of the governor, the
3 duties of the office shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor; and in
4 case of a vacancy in both the offices of governor and lieutenant
5 governor, the duties of the governor shall devolve upon the secretary
6 of state. In addition to the line of succession to the office and
7 duties of governor as hereinabove indicated, if the necessity shall
8 arise, in order to fill the vacancy in the office of governor, the
9 following state officers shall succeed to the duties of governor and in
10 the order named, viz.: (~~Treasurer~~) Auditor, attorney general,
11 superintendent of public instruction and commissioner of public lands.
12 In case of the death, disability, failure or refusal of the person
13 regularly elected to the office of governor to qualify at the time
14 provided by law, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the person
15 regularly elected to and qualified for the office of lieutenant
16 governor, who shall act as governor until the disability be removed, or
17 a governor be elected; and in case of the death, disability, failure or
18 refusal of both the governor and the lieutenant governor elect to
19 qualify, the duties of the governor shall devolve upon the secretary of
20 state; and in addition to the line of succession to the office and
21 duties of governor as hereinabove indicated, if there shall be the
22 failure or refusal of any officer named above to qualify, and if the
23 necessity shall arise by reason thereof, then in that event in order to
24 fill the vacancy in the office of governor, the following state
25 officers shall succeed to the duties of governor in the order named,
26 viz: (~~Treasurer~~) Auditor, attorney general, superintendent of
27 public instruction and commissioner of public lands. Any person
28 succeeding to the office of governor as in this section provided, shall
29 perform the duties of such office only until the disability be removed,
30 or a governor be elected and qualified; and if a vacancy occur more
31 than thirty days before the next general election occurring within two
32 years after the commencement of the term, a person shall be elected at
33 such election to fill the office of governor for the remainder of the
34 unexpired term.

35 Article III, section 24. Records, where kept, etc. The governor,
36 secretary of state, (~~treasurer~~) auditor, superintendent of public
37 instruction, commissioner of public lands and attorney general shall
38 severally keep the public records, books and papers relating to their

1 respective offices, at the seat of government, at which place also the
2 governor, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall reside.

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

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