
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8225

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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 23
7 thereof in its entirety; and an amendment to Article III, sections 1,
8 3, 24, and 25 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as
9 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, and a superintendent of
13 public instruction, (~~and a commissioner of public lands,~~) who shall
14 be 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
17 office. The lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,
18 auditor, attorney general, and superintendent of public instruction,
19 (~~and commissioner of public lands,~~) shall hold their offices for four

1 years respectively, and until their successors are elected and
2 qualified.

3 Article III, section 24. Records, where kept, etc. The governor,
4 secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, superintendent of public
5 instruction, (~~commissioner of public lands~~) and attorney general
6 shall severally keep the public records, books and papers relating to
7 their respective offices, at the seat of government, at which place
8 also the governor, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall
9 reside.

10 Article III, section 25. Qualifications, compensation, offices
11 which may be abolished. No person, except a citizen of the United
12 States and a qualified elector of this state, shall be eligible to hold
13 any state office. The compensation for state officers shall not be
14 increased or diminished during the term for which they shall have been
15 elected. The legislature may in its discretion abolish the offices of
16 the lieutenant governor(~~(7)~~) and auditor (~~(and commissioner of public~~
17 ~~lands)~~).

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment shall be
19 construed as a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII,
20 section 1 of the state Constitution.

21 The legislature finds that the changes contained in the foregoing
22 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for the purposes of
23 abolishing the position of commissioner of public lands. If the
24 foregoing amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint
25 resolution shall be void in its entirety and shall be of no further
26 force and effect.

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

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