
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4205

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

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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, section . . . of the Constitution of the state of
7 Washington to read as follows:

8 Article II, section (a) Each odd-numbered year, before the
9 end of the regular legislative session as determined under section 12
10 of this article, the legislature must enact and present to the
11 governor a complete omnibus operating appropriations act for the
12 entire ensuing fiscal biennium.

13 (b) If the legislature fails to comply with the requirements of
14 subsection (a) of this section, then notwithstanding any other
15 provision of this Constitution:

16 (1) Payment of legislators' salaries as determined pursuant to
17 Article XXVIII of this Constitution is suspended until the
18 legislature presents to the governor a complete omnibus operating
19 appropriations act for the entire ensuing fiscal biennium. At such
20 time, legislators must receive retroactive payment for the portion of
21 their salaries that was previously so suspended.

1 (2) Each elected caucus leader of each body of the legislature
2 must pay a fine of one thousand dollars per day until the legislature
3 presents to the governor a complete omnibus operating appropriations
4 act for the entire ensuing fiscal biennium. Legislators so fined must
5 pay the fines into the state general fund. For purposes of this
6 section, "elected caucus leader" for the house of representatives
7 means the speaker of the house of representatives and the leaders,
8 deputy leaders, and caucus chairs of each of the respective caucuses,
9 and for the senate means the president pro tempore of the senate and
10 the leaders, deputy leaders, and caucus chairs of each of the
11 respective caucuses.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment
13 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state
14 Constitution.

15 The legislature finds that the changes contained in this
16 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for ensuring the timely
17 enactment of biennial operating appropriations legislation. If this
18 amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is
19 void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
21 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
22 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every
23 legal newspaper in the state.

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