
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8201

State of Washington

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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 12 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 12. (1) Regular Sessions. A regular session
9 of the legislature shall be convened each year. Regular sessions
10 shall convene on such day and at such time as the legislature shall
11 determine by statute. During each odd-numbered year, the regular
12 session shall not be more than one hundred five consecutive days.
13 During each even-numbered year, the regular session shall not be more
14 than sixty consecutive days.

15 (2) Special Legislative Sessions. Special legislative sessions
16 may be convened for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days
17 by proclamation of the governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of
18 this Constitution. Special legislative sessions may also be convened
19 for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days by resolution
20 of the legislature upon the affirmative vote in each house of (~~two-~~
21 ~~thirds~~) three-fifths of the members elected or appointed thereto,
22 which vote may be taken and resolution executed either while the

1 legislature is in session or during any interim between sessions in
2 accordance with such procedures as the legislature may provide by law
3 or resolution. The resolution convening the legislature shall specify
4 a purpose or purposes for the convening of a special session, and any
5 special session convened by the resolution shall consider only
6 measures germane to the purpose or purposes expressed in the
7 resolution, unless by resolution adopted during the session upon the
8 affirmative vote in each house of (~~two-thirds~~) three-fifths of the
9 members elected or appointed thereto, an additional purpose or
10 purposes are expressed. The specification of purpose by the governor
11 pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this Constitution shall be
12 considered by the legislature but shall not be mandatory.

13 (3) Committees of the Legislature. Standing and special
14 committees of the legislature shall meet and conduct official
15 business pursuant to such rules as the legislature may adopt.

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

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