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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8212**

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**By** Senators Carlyle and Hunt

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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 III, sections 1, 3, 10, and 24 of the Constitution of the  
7 state of Washington to read as follows:

8 Article III, section 1. The executive department shall consist of  
9 a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,  
10 auditor, attorney general, (~~superintendent of public instruction,~~)  
11 and a commissioner of public lands, who shall be severally chosen by  
12 the qualified electors of the state at the same time and place of  
13 voting as for the members of the legislature. The governor shall  
14 appoint a superintendent of public instruction who shall serve  
15 subject to confirmation by the senate and at the pleasure of the  
16 governor. The superintendent of public instruction in office upon  
17 passage of this amendment shall continue in office for the remainder  
18 of the term for which he or she was elected and until a successor is  
19 appointed.

20 Article III, section 3. The lieutenant governor, secretary of  
21 state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, (~~superintendent of~~  
22 ~~public instruction,~~) and commissioner of public lands, shall hold

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

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

37 Article III, section 24. The governor, secretary of state,  
38 treasurer, auditor, (~~superintendent of public instruction,~~)  
39 commissioner of public lands and attorney general shall severally

1 keep the public records, books and papers relating to their  
2 respective offices, at the seat of government, at which place also  
3 the governor, secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall reside.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment  
5 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state  
6 Constitution.

7 The legislature finds that the changes contained in this  
8 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for removing the  
9 superintendent of public instruction as a statewide elected official.  
10 If this amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint  
11 resolution is void in its entirety and is of no further force and  
12 effect.

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

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