
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4211

State of Washington

68th Legislature

2024 Regular Session

By Representatives Hutchins, Cheney, Connors, Klicker, Rude, Barkis, McClintock, Waters, Volz, Schmidt, Corry, Sandlin, Barnard, Couture, Christian, Walsh, Griffey, Steele, Stokesbary, Caldier, Robertson, Chambers, Graham, Maycumber, McEntire, Ybarra, Harris, Schmick, Mosbrucker, Eslick, Jacobsen, Dent, Abbarno, Goehner, Wilcox, Chandler, Orcutt, and Low

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

8 Article III, section 12. Every act which shall have passed the
9 legislature shall be, before it becomes a law, presented to the
10 governor. If he approves, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall
11 return it, with his objections, to that house in which it shall have
12 originated, which house shall enter the objections at large upon the
13 journal and proceed to reconsider. If, after such reconsideration,
14 two-thirds of the members present shall agree to pass the bill it
15 shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other house, by
16 which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-
17 thirds of the members present, it shall become a law; but in all such
18 cases the vote of both houses shall be determined by the yeas and
19 nays, and the names of the members voting for or against the bill
20 shall be entered upon the journal of each house respectively. If any
21 bill shall not be returned by the governor within five days, Sundays
22 excepted, after it shall be presented to him, it shall become a law

1 without his signature, unless the general adjournment shall prevent
2 its return, in which case it shall become a law unless the governor,
3 within twenty days next after the adjournment, Sundays excepted,
4 shall file such bill with his objections thereto, in the office of
5 secretary of state, who shall lay the same before the legislature at
6 its next session in like manner as if it had been returned by the
7 governor: *Provided*, That within forty-five days next after the
8 adjournment, Sundays excepted, the legislature may, upon petition by
9 a two-thirds majority or more of the membership of each house,
10 reconvene in extraordinary session, not to exceed five days duration,
11 solely to reconsider any bills vetoed. (~~If any bill presented to the~~
12 ~~governor contain several sections or appropriation items, he may~~
13 ~~object to one or more sections or appropriation items while approving~~
14 ~~other portions of the bill: *Provided*, That he may not object to less~~
15 ~~than an entire section, except that if the section contain one or~~
16 ~~more appropriation items he may object to any such appropriation item~~
17 ~~or items. In case of objection he shall append to the bill, at the~~
18 ~~time of signing it, a statement of the section or sections,~~
19 ~~appropriation item or items to which he objects and the reasons~~
20 ~~therefor; and the section or sections, appropriation item or items so~~
21 ~~objected to shall not take effect unless passed over the governor's~~
22 ~~objection, as hereinbefore provided.)) The provisions of Article II,
23 section 12 insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby
24 repealed.~~

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

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