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ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8231

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By Senators Vognild, Hayner, Skratek, McCaslin, Snyder, Newhouse, Madsen, Erwin, Stratton, Sellar, Sutherland and Nelson

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
2 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 II,  
6 section 15 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8 Article II, section 15. (~~Such vacancies as may occur in either~~  
9 ~~house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office~~  
10 ~~shall be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners of~~  
11 ~~the county in which the vacancy occurs:— PROVIDED, That the person~~  
12 ~~appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative~~  
13 ~~district, county or county commissioner district and the same political~~  
14 ~~party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose~~  
15 ~~office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be~~

1 nominated by the county central committee of that party, and in case a  
2 majority of said county commissioners do not agree upon the appointment  
3 within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within  
4 thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for  
5 herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative  
6 district, county or county commissioner district and of the same  
7 political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer  
8 whose office has been vacated, and the person so appointed shall hold  
9 office until his successor is elected at the next general election, and  
10 shall have qualified: PROVIDED, That in case of a vacancy occurring in  
11 the office of joint senator, or joint representative, the vacancy shall  
12 be filled from a list of three nominees selected by the state central  
13 committee, by appointment by the joint action of the boards of county  
14 commissioners of the counties composing the joint senatorial or joint  
15 representative district, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must  
16 be from the same legislative district and of the same political party  
17 as the legislator whose office has been vacated, and in case a majority  
18 of said county commissioners do not agree upon the appointment within  
19 sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within thirty  
20 days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for herein,  
21 appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative district and of  
22 the same political party as the legislator whose office has been  
23 vacated.)) Vacancies as may occur in either house of the legislature  
24 or in any partisan county elective office shall be filled by  
25 appointment by the appropriate board or boards of county commissioners  
26 of the affected county or counties in which the vacancy occurs. The  
27 person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative  
28 district, county or county commissioner district and the same political  
29 party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose  
30 office has been vacated. The person appointed shall be one of three

1 persons nominated by the precinct committee persons of that party and  
2 from that legislative district, county or county commissioner district.  
3 In case a majority of said county commissioners do not agree upon the  
4 appointment within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor  
5 shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees  
6 provided for herein, appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The person  
7 so appointed shall hold office until a successor is elected at the next  
8 general election, and shall have qualified.

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