
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4201

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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 there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article IV,
6 section 6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as
7 follows:

8 Article IV, section 6. Superior courts and district courts have
9 concurrent jurisdiction in cases in equity. The superior court shall
10 have original jurisdiction (~~(in all cases in equity and)~~) in all cases
11 at law which involve the title or possession of real property, or the
12 legality of any tax, impost, assessment, toll, or municipal fine, and
13 in all other cases in which the demand or the value of the property in
14 controversy amounts to three thousand dollars or as otherwise
15 determined by law, or a lesser sum in excess of the jurisdiction
16 granted to justices of the peace and other inferior courts, and in all
17 criminal cases amounting to felony, and in all cases of misdemeanor not
18 otherwise provided for by law; of actions of forcible entry and
19 detainer; of proceedings in insolvency; of actions to prevent or abate
20 a nuisance; of all matters of probate, of divorce, and for annulment of

1 marriage; and for such special cases and proceedings as are not
2 otherwise provided for. The superior court shall also have original
3 jurisdiction in all cases and of all proceedings in which jurisdiction
4 shall not have been by law vested exclusively in some other court; and
5 said court shall have the power of naturalization and to issue papers
6 therefor. They shall have such appellate jurisdiction in cases arising
7 in justices' and other inferior courts in their respective counties as
8 may be prescribed by law. They shall always be open, except on
9 nonjudicial days, and their process shall extend to all parts of the
10 state. Said courts and their judges shall have power to issue writs of
11 mandamus, quo warranto, review, certiorari, prohibition, and writs of
12 habeas corpus, on petition by or on behalf of any person in actual
13 custody in their respective counties. Injunctions and writs of
14 prohibition and of habeas corpus may be issued and served on legal
15 holidays and nonjudicial days.

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

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