

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8226

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By Senators Cantu, Hochstatter, Winsley, West and Oke

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3            THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington, pursuant to  
4 Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby ratifies an  
5 amendment to that document proposed by the very 1st Congress of the  
6 United States, sitting in the City of New York on September 25, 1789,  
7 which amendment reads as follows:

8    "AMENDMENT XXVII

9            No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators  
10 and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of  
11 Representatives shall have intervened."

12           THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington acknowledges that  
13 the constitutional amendment in question has received the approval of  
14 the required number of states.

15           THAT the Legislature of the State of Washington further  
16 acknowledges that the constitutional amendment in question became  
17 Amendment XVIII to the United States Constitution during the a.m. hours  
18 of May 7, 1992, when the Legislature of the State of Michigan became  
19 the 38th state to ratify it; that on May 18, 1992, the Archivist of the

1 United States issued a proclamation published in the Federal Register  
2 concluding that the two hundred four year old proposal had in fact been  
3 incorporated into the United States Constitution; and that on May 20,  
4 1992, both the United States Senate and the United States House of  
5 Representatives, by roll-call votes, adopted resolutions concurring  
6 with the Archivist's conclusion.

7        THAT while the Legislature of the State of Washington is aware that  
8 this constitutional amendment is already part of the United States  
9 Constitution, it is important that the unique imprint of the State of  
10 Washington be placed thereon and that the State of Washington join the  
11 other states that have already given their approval to what is now  
12 Amendment XXVII.

13        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of the State of  
14 Washington shall transmit duly attested enrolled copies of this joint  
15 resolution to Washington, D.C., to the Archivist of the United States,  
16 pursuant to P.L. 98-497; to the Vice-President of the United States, as  
17 presiding officer of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the  
18 United States House of Representatives, and to all remaining members of  
19 the State of Washington's congressional delegation, including both  
20 United States Senators, with the request that this joint resolution's  
21 text be spread upon the Congressional Record and journals of both  
22 houses of Congress.

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