
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8207

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By Senator McCaslin

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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 II of
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington by repealing section 4
7 thereof and by amending Article II, section 5 and Article II, section
8 6 of the state Constitution to read as follows:

9 Article II, section 4. Section 4, Article II of the Constitution
10 of the state of Washington is repealed.

11 Article II, section 5. (~~The next election of the members of the~~
12 ~~house of representatives after the adoption of this Constitution shall~~
13 ~~be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, eighteen~~
14 ~~hundred and ninety, and thereafter, members of the house of~~
15 ~~representatives shall be elected biennially and their term of office~~
16 ~~shall be two years; and each election shall be on the first Tuesday~~
17 ~~after the first Monday in November, unless otherwise changed by law.))
18 Members of the house of representatives are elected for terms of four
19 years with as near to one-half of their number as is mathematically
20 possible retiring every two years. At the general election to be held~~

1 on the first Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November 2000,
2 the candidate in each representative district who receives the greatest
3 number of votes is elected for a term of four years and thereafter for
4 a term of four years, and at the same election the winning candidate in
5 each representative district who receives the second highest number of
6 votes is elected for a term of two years and thereafter for a term of
7 four years.

8 Elections of the members of the house of representatives are on the
9 first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in each even-numbered
10 year unless otherwise changed by law. Persons elected to the house of
11 representatives serve four-year terms unless they resign or seek other
12 legislative office.

13 Article II, section 6. (~~((After the first election))~~) The senators
14 shall be elected by single districts of convenient and contiguous
15 territory, (~~((at the same time and))~~) in the same manner as members of
16 the house of representatives are required to be elected; and no
17 representative district (~~((shall))~~) may be divided in the formation of a
18 senatorial district. They shall be elected for (~~((the))~~) terms of
19 (~~((four))~~) six years, (~~((one-half))~~) with as near to one-third of their
20 number retiring every two years. The senatorial districts shall be
21 numbered consecutively, and (~~((the senators chosen at the first election~~
22 had by virtue of this Constitution, in odd numbered districts, shall go
23 out of office at the end of the first year; and the senators, elected
24 in the even numbered districts, shall go out of office at the end of
25 the third year)) divided into three groups: The first group to consist
26 of every first district, the second to consist of every second
27 district, and the third to consist of every third district. For those
28 districts in which senators are to be elected in 2000 the term of
29 office is four years for each district in the first and second groups
30 and six years for each district in the third group; and thereafter in
31 each district the term of office is six years. For those districts in
32 which senators are to be elected in 2002, the term of office is four
33 years for each district in the first group and six years for each
34 district in the second and third groups; and thereafter in each
35 district the term of office is six years.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
37 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at

- 1 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
- 2 every legal newspaper in the state.

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