
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4216

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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 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 I of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article I, section ... (1) All legislative and statewide elective
9 offices in the executive branch may be held jointly by two qualified
10 persons as job-share officials. Persons wishing to hold an office as
11 job-share officials shall file for election to the office as job-share
12 candidates. Persons wishing to be job-share candidates shall enter
13 into a binding agreement under subsection (2) of this section, and
14 shall submit the agreement when filing for office. Persons who have
15 not filed for election as job-share candidates may not hold office as
16 job-share officials.

17 (2) Each job-share agreement entered into under this section must:

18 (a) Specify how the responsibilities of the office will be divided
19 among the job-share officials;

1 (b) Specify how executive decisions will be made by the job-share
2 officials;

3 (c) Specify how the benefits of the office will be divided,
4 including but not limited to salary, vacation time, per diem, office
5 space, insurance, and retirement. The agreement may contain provisions
6 allowing the job-share officials to pay an amount to maintain full
7 insurance and retirement benefits;

8 (d) Specify the approximate percentage of time each official will
9 spend fulfilling the duties of the office;

10 (e) Be available for public inspection.

11 (3) In the event of the death of a job-share official during his or
12 her term of office, the surviving official shall assume the full duties
13 and responsibilities of the office for the remainder of the term. In
14 the event of the death of both job-share officials during their term of
15 office, the vacancy must be handled in the manner prescribed for the
16 office by this constitution.

17 (4) Job-share candidates appearing on an election ballot must be
18 listed together along with the percentage of time each job-share
19 candidate will spend fulfilling the duties of the job-share office as
20 indicated in the job-share agreement required by subsection (2) of this
21 section.

22 (5) The legislature shall enact laws providing for the
23 implementation of this section with respect to statewide elected
24 officials, and shall enact rules providing for the implementation of
25 this section with respect to members of the legislature.

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

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