
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8212

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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 IV, section 17 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section 17. ((No)) A person ((shall be)) is not
9 eligible to the office of judge of the supreme court((, or)) unless he
10 or she has been admitted to the practice of law in the courts of record
11 of this state not less than fifteen years prior to taking office. A
12 person is not eligible to hold the office of judge of the court of
13 appeals unless he or she has been admitted to the practice of law in
14 the courts of record of this state not less than ten years prior to
15 taking office. A person is not eligible to hold the office of judge of
16 a superior court, unless he ((shall have)) or she has been admitted to
17 the practice of law in the courts of record of this state((, or of the
18 Territory of Washington)) not less than five years prior to taking
19 office. If a judge holding office on the effective date of this
20 amendment does not meet the minimum qualifications of this section, the
21 judge may complete his or her current term of office.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
2 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
3 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
4 newspaper in the state.

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