
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4213

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Session

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Read first time . Referred to .

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 XXVIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of
7 Washington to read as follows:

8 Article XXVIII, section 1. Salaries for members of the
9 legislature, elected officials of the executive branch of state
10 government, and judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals,
11 superior courts, and district courts shall be fixed by an independent
12 commission created and directed by law to that purpose. No state
13 official, public employee, or person required by law to register with
14 a state agency as a lobbyist, or immediate family member of the
15 official, employee, or lobbyist, may be a member of that commission.

16 As used in this section the phrase "immediate family" has the
17 meaning that is defined by law.

18 Any change of salary shall be filed with the secretary of state and
19 shall become law (~~((ninety days thereafter))~~) on the first day after the

1 next regular session without action of the legislature or governor,
2 ~~((but))~~ unless rejected by referendum or if during that next regular
3 session the legislature rejects the change of salary by concurrent
4 resolution. Any change of salary shall be subject to referendum
5 petition by the people((τ)) filed within the ninety-day period
6 following the date of filing with the secretary of state. Referendum
7 measures under this section shall be submitted to the people at the
8 next following general election, and shall be otherwise governed by the
9 provisions of this Constitution generally applicable to referendum
10 measures. The salaries fixed pursuant to this section shall supersede
11 any other provision for the salaries of members of the legislature,
12 elected officials of the executive branch of state government, and
13 judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals, superior courts,
14 and district courts. The salaries for such officials in effect on
15 January 12, 1987, shall remain in effect until changed pursuant to this
16 section.

17 After the initial adoption of a law by the legislature creating the
18 independent commission, no amendment to such act which alters the
19 composition of the commission shall be valid unless the amendment is
20 enacted by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members elected to
21 each house of the legislature and is subject to referendum petition.

22 The provisions of section 14 of Article IV, sections 14, 16, 17,
23 19, 20, 21, and 22 of Article III, and section 23 of Article II,
24 insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded. The
25 provisions of section 1 of Article II relating to referendum
26 procedures, insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby
27 superseded with regard to the salaries governed by this section.

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

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