
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8213

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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 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 and superior courts, and judges of district courts in counties having
12 a population of twenty-five thousand or more persons, shall be fixed by
13 an independent commission created and directed by law to that purpose.
14 No state official, public employee, or person required by law to
15 register with a state agency as a lobbyist, or immediate family member
16 of the official, employee, or lobbyist, may be a member of that
17 commission.

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

1 Any change of salary shall be filed with the secretary of state and
2 shall become law ninety days thereafter without action of the
3 legislature or governor, but shall be subject to referendum petition by
4 the people, filed within the ninety-day period. Referendum measures
5 under this section shall be submitted to the people at the next
6 following general election, and shall be otherwise governed by the
7 provisions of this Constitution generally applicable to referendum
8 measures. The salaries fixed pursuant to this section shall supersede
9 any other provision for the salaries of members of the legislature,
10 elected officials of the executive branch of state government, and
11 judges of the state's supreme court, court of appeals, and superior
12 courts, and judges of district courts in counties having a population
13 of twenty-five thousand or more persons. The salaries for such
14 officials in effect on January 12, 1987, shall remain in effect until
15 changed pursuant to this section.

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

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23 insofar as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby superseded.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26 superseded with regard to the salaries governed by this section.

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

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