
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8216

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By Senator Prentice

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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 II, section 15 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 15. Such vacancies as may occur in either
9 house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office
10 shall be filled by appointment by the ((~~board of~~)) county
11 ((~~commissioners~~)) legislative authority of the county in which the
12 vacancy occurs: *Provided*, That the person appointed to fill the
13 vacancy must be from the same legislative district, county, or county
14 commissioner or council district and the same political party as the
15 legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been
16 vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be nominated by
17 the county central committee of that party, and in case a majority of
18 ((~~said~~)) the members of the county ((~~commissioners~~)) legislative
19 authority do not agree upon the appointment within sixty days after the

1 vacancy occurs, the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and
2 from the list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who
3 shall be from the same legislative district, county, or county
4 commissioner or council district and of the same political party as the
5 legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been
6 vacated, and the person so appointed shall hold office until his or her
7 successor is elected at the next general election, and (~~shall have~~)
8 has qualified: Provided, That in case of a vacancy occurring after the
9 general election in a year that the office appears on the ballot and
10 before the start of the next term, the term of the successor may
11 commence once he or she has qualified and shall continue through the
12 term for which he or she was elected: *Provided, That in case of a*
13 *vacancy occurring in the office of joint senator, or joint*
14 *representative, the vacancy shall be filled from a list of three*
15 *nominees selected by the state central committee, by appointment by the*
16 *joint action of the boards of county (~~commissioners~~) legislative*
17 *authorities of the counties composing the joint senatorial or joint*
18 *representative district, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must*
19 *be from the same legislative district and of the same political party*
20 *as the legislator whose office has been vacated, and in case a majority*
21 *of (~~said~~) the members of the county (~~commissioners~~) legislative*
22 *authority do not agree upon the appointment within sixty days after the*
23 *vacancy occurs, the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and*
24 *from the list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who*
25 *shall be from the same legislative district and of the same political*
26 *party as the legislator whose office has been vacated.*

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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