
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4220

State of Washington 62nd Legislature 2011 Regular Session

By Representative Sullivan; by request of Governor Gregoire

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 III of the Constitution of the state of Washington by repealing
7 section 22 thereof in its entirety and an amendment to Article III,
8 sections 1, 3, 10, and 24 of the Constitution of the state of
9 Washington effective January 16, 2013, to read as follows:

10 Article III, section 1. The executive department shall consist of
11 a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,
12 auditor, attorney general, (~~superintendent of public instruction,~~)
13 and a commissioner of public lands, who shall be severally chosen by
14 the qualified electors of the state at the same time and place of
15 voting as for the members of the legislature.

16 Article III, section 3. The lieutenant governor, secretary of
17 state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, (~~superintendent of public
18 instruction,~~) and commissioner of public lands, shall hold their

1 offices for four years respectively, and until their successors are
2 elected and qualified.

3 Article III, section 10. In case of the removal, resignation,
4 death or disability of the governor, the duties of the office shall
5 devolve upon the lieutenant governor; and in case of a vacancy in both
6 the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, the duties of the
7 governor shall devolve upon the secretary of state. In addition to the
8 line of succession to the office and duties of governor as hereinabove
9 indicated, if the necessity shall arise, in order to fill the vacancy
10 in the office of governor, the following state officers shall succeed
11 to the duties of governor and in the order named, viz.: Treasurer,
12 auditor, attorney general, (~~superintendent of public instruction~~) and
13 commissioner of public lands. In case of the death, disability,
14 failure or refusal of the person regularly elected to the office of
15 governor to qualify at the time provided by law, the duties of the
16 office shall devolve upon the person regularly elected to and qualified
17 for the office of lieutenant governor, who shall act as governor until
18 the disability be removed, or a governor be elected; and in case of the
19 death, disability, failure or refusal of both the governor and the
20 lieutenant governor elect to qualify, the duties of the governor shall
21 devolve upon the secretary of state; and in addition to the line of
22 succession to the office and duties of governor as hereinabove
23 indicated, if there shall be the failure or refusal of any officer
24 named above to qualify, and if the necessity shall arise by reason
25 thereof, then in that event in order to fill the vacancy in the office
26 of governor, the following state officers shall succeed to the duties
27 of governor in the order named, viz: Treasurer, auditor, attorney
28 general, (~~superintendent of public instruction~~) and commissioner of
29 public lands. Any person succeeding to the office of governor as in
30 this section provided, shall perform the duties of such office only
31 until the disability be removed, or a governor be elected and
32 qualified; and if a vacancy occur more than thirty days before the next
33 general election occurring within two years after the commencement of
34 the term, a person shall be elected at such election to fill the office
35 of governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

36 Article III, section 24. The governor, secretary of state,
37 treasurer, auditor, (~~superintendent of public instruction,~~)
38 commissioner of public lands, and attorney general shall severally keep

1 the public records, books and papers relating to their respective
2 offices, at the seat of government, at which place also the governor,
3 secretary of state, treasurer and auditor shall reside.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment
5 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state
6 Constitution.

7 The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment
8 constitute a single integrated plan for eliminating the superintendent
9 of public instruction as a statewide elected official. If this
10 amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is
11 void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

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

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