
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4223

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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 county legislative authority of
11 the county in which the vacancy occurs: *Provided*, That the person
12 appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative
13 district, county, or county commissioner or council district and the
14 same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective
15 officer whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three
16 persons who shall be nominated by the county central committee of that
17 party for county office, and by the legislative district committee for
18 legislative office, and in case a majority of the members of the county
19 legislative authority do not agree upon the appointment within sixty

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