
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8204

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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 IV, section 3(a) of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section 3(a). (~~A judge of the supreme court or the~~
9 ~~superior court shall retire from judicial office at the end of the~~
10 ~~calendar year in which he attains the age of seventy five years. The~~
11 ~~legislature may, from time to time, fix a lesser age for mandatory~~
12 ~~retirement, not earlier than the end of the calendar year in which any~~
13 ~~such judge attains the age of seventy years, as the legislature deems~~
14 ~~proper. This provision shall not affect the term to which any such~~
15 ~~judge shall have been elected or appointed prior to, or at the time of,~~
16 ~~approval and ratification of this provision. Notwithstanding the~~
17 ~~limitations of this section,)) The legislature may by general law
18 authorize or require the retirement of judges for physical or mental~~

1 disability, or any cause rendering judges incapable of performing their
2 judicial duties.

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

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