
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8207

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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 VII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section English shall be the language of all
9 official proceedings in this state. Official proceedings shall be
10 limited to any meeting of a public governmental body at which any
11 public business is discussed, decided, or public policy formulated,
12 whether such meeting is conducted in person or by means of
13 communication equipment, including, but not limited to, conference
14 call, video conference, internet chat, or internet message board. The
15 term "official proceeding" shall not include an informal gathering of
16 members of a public governmental body for ministerial or social
17 purposes, but the term shall include a public vote of all or a majority
18 of the members of a public governmental body, by electronic

1 communication or any other means, conducted in lieu of holding an
2 official proceeding with the members of the public governmental body
3 gathered at one location in order to conduct public business.

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

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