
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8211

State of Washington

62nd Legislature

2011 Regular Session

By Senators Morton, Swecker, Honeyford, Ericksen, Delvin, Becker, and Stevens

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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, sections 11 and 12 of the Constitution of the state of
7 Washington to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 11. Each house shall keep a journal of its
9 proceedings and publish the same, except such parts as require secrecy.
10 The doors of each house shall be kept open, except when the public
11 welfare shall require secrecy. Except as provided in Article II,
12 section 12 of this Constitution, neither house shall adjourn for more
13 than three days, nor to any place other than that in which they may be
14 sitting, without the consent of the other.

15 Article II, section 12. (1) Regular Sessions. A regular session
16 of the legislature shall be convened each year. Regular sessions shall
17 convene on such day and at such time as the legislature shall determine
18 by statute. During each odd-numbered year, the regular session shall
19 not be more than one hundred (~~five~~) fifteen consecutive days. During

1 each even-numbered year, the regular session shall not be more than
2 ((~~sixty~~)) seventy consecutive days. During each regular session, the
3 legislature shall adjourn for ten days after the last day on which the
4 legislature is allowed to consider bills in their house of origin as
5 provided for by resolution.

6 (2) Special Legislative Sessions. Special legislative sessions may
7 be convened for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days by
8 proclamation of the governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this
9 Constitution. Special legislative sessions may also be convened for a
10 period of not more than thirty consecutive days by resolution of the
11 legislature upon the affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of
12 the members elected or appointed thereto, which vote may be taken and
13 resolution executed either while the legislature is in session or
14 during any interim between sessions in accordance with such procedures
15 as the legislature may provide by law or resolution. The resolution
16 convening the legislature shall specify a purpose or purposes for the
17 convening of a special session, and any special session convened by the
18 resolution shall consider only measures germane to the purpose or
19 purposes expressed in the resolution, unless by resolution adopted
20 during the session upon the affirmative vote in each house of
21 two-thirds of the members elected or appointed thereto, an additional
22 purpose or purposes are expressed. The specification of purpose by the
23 governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of this Constitution shall
24 be considered by the legislature but shall not be mandatory.

25 (3) Committees of the Legislature. Standing and special committees
26 of the legislature shall meet and conduct official business pursuant to
27 such rules as the legislature may adopt.

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

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