
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4211

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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 12 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7 to read as follows:

8 Article II, section 12. (1)(a) Regular Sessions. A regular
9 session of the legislature shall be convened each year. Regular
10 sessions shall convene on such day and at such time as the
11 legislature shall determine by statute. During each odd-numbered
12 year, the regular session shall not be more than one hundred five
13 consecutive days. During each even-numbered year, the regular session
14 shall not be more than sixty consecutive days.

15 (b) After the ninetieth day of the regular legislative session in
16 each odd-numbered year and until enactment of a comprehensive
17 operating budget bill or bills for the next fiscal biennium, the only
18 bills that either house of the legislature may consider are that
19 budget bill or bills and bills necessary to implement that budget
20 bill or bills. For purposes of this section, a bill is necessary to
21 implement the budget if it results in revenue that is assumed in
22 appropriation levels in the budget bill or bills; permits a savings

1 or reduction that is assumed in appropriation levels in the budget
2 bill or bills; avoids a cost, liability, or revenue loss that the
3 state would otherwise incur; or results in a change to budget
4 structure, including but not limited to bills that create, abolish,
5 or consolidate state agencies. The restriction in this subsection
6 (1)(b) applies during any special legislative session in an odd-
7 numbered year if a comprehensive operating budget bill or bills have
8 not been enacted for the following fiscal biennium.

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

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

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

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