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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8203**

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**State of Washington**

**66th Legislature**

**2019 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Cleveland and Hunt

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) Regular Sessions. A regular session  
9 of the legislature shall be convened each year. Regular sessions  
10 shall convene on such day and at such time as the legislature shall  
11 determine by statute. During each odd-numbered year, the regular  
12 session shall not be more than one hundred five consecutive days,  
13 excluding legal public holidays designated under federal law. During  
14 each even-numbered year, the regular session shall not be more than  
15 sixty consecutive days, excluding legal public holidays designated  
16 under federal law.

17 (2) Special Legislative Sessions. Special legislative sessions  
18 may be convened for a period of not more than thirty consecutive  
19 days, excluding legal public holidays designated under federal law,  
20 by proclamation of the governor pursuant to Article III, section 7 of  
21 this Constitution. Special legislative sessions may also be convened  
22 for a period of not more than thirty consecutive days, excluding

1 legal public holidays designated under federal law, by resolution of  
2 the legislature upon the affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds  
3 of the members elected or appointed thereto, which vote may be taken  
4 and resolution executed either while the legislature is in session or  
5 during any interim between sessions in accordance with such  
6 procedures as the legislature may provide by law or resolution. The  
7 resolution convening the legislature shall specify a purpose or  
8 purposes for the convening of a special session, and any special  
9 session convened by the resolution shall consider only measures  
10 germane to the purpose or purposes expressed in the resolution,  
11 unless by resolution adopted during the session upon the affirmative  
12 vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed  
13 thereto, an additional purpose or purposes are expressed. The  
14 specification of purpose by the governor pursuant to Article III,  
15 section 7 of this Constitution shall be considered by the legislature  
16 but shall not be mandatory.

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

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

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