
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8210

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By Senators Pflug, Hewitt, Holmquist, Swecker, Schoesler, Morton, Zarelli, Becker, Honeyford, McCaslin, Delvin, Carrell, King, Brandland, Roach, Stevens, Parlette, and Benton

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

8 Article VIII, section (a) The legislature shall not
9 appropriate moneys for state operating expenses, and no state officer
10 or agency may expend any money therefrom, if at the time of enactment
11 the projected general fund and related funds and accounts costs of
12 maintaining services and expenditures in the next ensuing fiscal
13 biennium exceed the officially projected combined state revenues and
14 reserves for those accounts.

15 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) of this section shall not
16 apply to a supplemental budget adopted in the same legislative session
17 in which a biennial budget is adopted.

1 (c) Each fiscal quarter, the state economic and revenue forecast
2 council appointed and authorized as provided by statute, or successor
3 entity, shall forecast the items required under subsection (a) of this
4 section. The council shall consult the caseload forecast council
5 appointed and authorized as provided by statute, or successor entity,
6 in developing this forecast.

7 (d) The legislature shall enact appropriate laws to carry out the
8 purposes of this section.

9 (e) This section takes effect January 1, 2010.

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

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