

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE  
STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1956**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 14**

**FILLING VACANCIES IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

**Shall the 13th Amendment of the Constitution be amended to provide that vacancies in the Legislature shall be filled by the county commissioners from an approved list submitted by the county central committee of the political party of the preceding legislator; and in the event it be a joint district, from lists submitted by the state central committee for joint action by county commissioners involved; providing for failure to appoint within sixty days, the Governor shall fill vacancy from said list?**

*Be It Resolved*, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington in legislative session assembled:

THAT, At the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1956, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to the thirteenth amendment of the Constitution of the State of Washington, to read as follows:

Such vacancies as may occur in either house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office shall be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the vacancy occurs: *Provided*, That the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative district and the same political party as the legislator whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be nominated by the county central committee of that party, and the person so appointed shall hold office until his successor is elected at the next general election, and shall have qualified: *Provided*, That in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of joint senator or joint representative, the vacancy shall be filled from a list of

three nominees selected by the state central committee, by appointment by the joint action of the boards of county commissioners of the counties composing the joint senatorial or joint representative district, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative district and of the same political party as the legislator whose office has been vacated, and in case a majority of said county commissioners do not agree upon the appointment within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative district and of the same political party as the legislator whose office has been vacated.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the Secretary of State shall cause the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published for at least three months next preceding the election in a weekly newspaper in every county in the state in which such a newspaper is published.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1955.  
EMMETT T. ANDERSON,  
*President of the Senate.*

Passed the House March 2, 1955.  
JOHN L. O'BRIEN,  
*Speaker of the House.*

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 9, 1955.

EARL COE,  
*Secretary of State.*