

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

**Pensions and Employees' Extra
Compensation**

TO BE VOTED UPON NOVEMBER 4, 1958

—OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE—

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEES' EXTRA COMPENSATION

Shall Article II, Section 25 of the state constitution be amended to prohibit the legislature from granting any extra compensation to any public employee after the services have been rendered or the contract entered into and to provide that Article II, Section 25 shall not be deemed to prevent increases in pensions after such pensions have been granted?

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 on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1958, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state for their adoption and approval, or rejection, an amendment to Article II, section 25 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, to read as follows:

Section 25. The legislature shall never grant any extra compensation to any public officer, agent, employee, servant, or contractor, after the services shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into, nor shall the compensation of

any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent increases in pensions after such pensions shall have been granted.

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

Passed the Senate February 18, 1957.

JOHN A. CHERBERG,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House March 6, 1957.

JOHN L. O'BRIEN,
Speaker of the House.

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Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 7, 1957.

VICTOR A MEYERS, *Secretary of State.*

Argument *FOR* Senate Joint Resolution No. 18

VOTE YES for SJR-18

(THE PENSION-PROTECTION AMENDMENT)

present modest
pensions now under
this legal cloud



RETIRED POLICEMEN, FIRE- MEN, SCHOOLTEACHERS . . .

and other former public employees face financial disaster unless an outdated clause in our state constitution is adjusted.

Many of these people retired on pensions of less than \$40 a month. Social Security benefits were never made available to them.

WASH. STATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS ASSN. • PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASH.
WASH. CONGRESS OF PARENTS and TEACHERS • WASH. EDUCATION ASSN.
WASH. STATE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS ASSN. • SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
THE ALLIED SCHOOL COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON
Mrs. Arthur Skelton, President Elmer Stanley, Sec.
Capitol Park Bldg., Olympia

- DOES NOT INCREASE PRESENT PENSIONS
- DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES
- WHO'S BEHIND SJR 18?

It merely provides for a technical—but important—rewording of a confusing clause in our constitution that may be interpreted as restricting cost-of-living adjustments granted several years ago.

The State Legislature (by overwhelming vote) . . . newspapers all across the state . . . the P-TA . . . educators . . . labor . . . farmers . . . and all informed citizens.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of Secretary of State, June 30, 1958.

VICTOR A. MEYERS, *Secretary of State.*