

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

*OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

VOTERS' PAMPHLET—PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Shall Article II, Section 1, Amendment 7 of the State Constitution which presently directs the Secretary of State to send each registered voter a copy of the voters' pamphlet (a publication containing the laws and constitutional amendments referred to the people together with arguments for and against each measure) be amended so as to require only mailing to each individual place of residence, together with such other distribution as the Secretary of State deems necessary?

* Ballot Title issued by John J. O'Connell, Attorney General.

Vote cast by 1961 Legislature on final passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 9: STATE SENATE: 49 Members—44 Yeas; 1 Nay; 4 Absent or not voting. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: 99 Members—88 Yeas; 1 Nay; 10 Absent or not voting.

OFFICIAL ARGUMENT **FOR** SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

MORE VOTERS - BETTER INFORMED - AT LESS COST

This voters' information pamphlet—which you are now reading—is mailed to each **registered voter** in the State of Washington. This is a constitutional requirement, designed to provide information on ballot issues for all voters. In principle, this is an excellent idea that should be continued.

However, the **method** of distribution is **wasteful** and **inefficient**.

Many voters have moved, and have not changed their registrations. Also, suburban development has caused many new street addresses to differ from long standing registration addresses.

The result is that some homes receive two voters' pamphlets, some receive four, some six, and some even eight! **Many receive none**, and many thousands of pamphlets must be destroyed by the Post Office Department that cannot be delivered.

This method of distribution ("one to each registered voter") is **wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary**.

SJR 9 would provide a **more fair, more efficient** and **less expensive** way to distribute the voters' pamphlets. It would require that **one** copy of the voters' pamphlet be mailed to each **residence** in the state, and that the Secretary of State make additional distribution as may be necessary to insure that every citizen has an opportunity to study the issues. For example, additional copies would be sent to nursing homes, retirement homes, etc.

If SJR 9 is approved by the voters, **everyone** will have a chance to study the voters' pamphlet before future elections. No pamphlets will be wasted. **The State will save tens of thousands of dollars** in printing, handling and mailing costs.

MORE VOTERS - BETTER INFORMED - AT LESS COST

VOTE "YES" ON S. J. R. No. 9

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COMPOSE ARGUMENT **FOR** SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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EXPLANATORY COMMENT ISSUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED BY LAW

The Law As It Now Exists:

Presently, our State Constitution requires the Secretary of State to send one copy of the voters' pamphlet to each registered voter.

Effect of Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 If Approved Into Law:

The proposed constitutional amendment requires the Secretary of State to send one copy of the voters' pamphlet to each individual place of residence (instead of to each registered voter) and further requires that he make whatever additional distribution he deems reasonably necessary to provide each registered voter an opportunity to study such pamphlet.

NOTE: Complete text of Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 starts on Page 42.

OFFICIAL ARGUMENT AGAINST SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

The constitutional provision that **each** registered voter be mailed a copy of the Voters' Pamphlet should **not** be changed. The obvious intention of our state constitution is to be certain that all qualified electors be given the opportunity to be informed voters so that they can vote intelligently on state measures.

This amendment would limit the mailing of the Voters' Pamphlet to each place of residence. As a consequence, many voters residing in apartments, rest homes, rooming houses, etc., would have no assurance of receiving copies. The complaint that certain households may now receive multiple copies is not the fault of this constitutional provision. The fault lies with voters neglecting to keep their registration records current when they change residences.

If remedial legislation is justified, it should be directed toward strengthening the laws relating to registration and **not** changing the constitution as proposed in this amendment.

Certainly it is far better to over-distribute the Voters' Pamphlet than to create a situation whereby a substantial segment of our voters may be completely overlooked.

VOTE "NO" ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COMPOSE ARGUMENT **AGAINST** SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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Constitutional Amendments

COMPLETE TEXT OF *Substitute Senate Joint Resolution No. 1*

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, 1962, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state, for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article 7, section 2 as amended by Amendment 17, of the Constitution of the State of Washington, by adding thereto a new subsection designated as subsection (d) which shall read as follows:

Article 7, section 2, subsection (d). By any school district for the purposes and in the manner in this subsection provided. School district tax levy or levies at a specified maximum rate for each year may be authorized at any single election for a specified number of years not in excess of four years for a levy for operations or four years for a levy for capital outlay, or both when the proposition therefor has been approved by a majority of at least three-fifths of the electors voting thereon at which election the number of persons voting on the proposition shall constitute not less than forty percentum of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election in such district. If any tax levy is authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the governing body of the school district shall determine annually thereafter the amount of funds required from the authorized levy or levies for the current use of the schools of the district, and/or for capital purposes, and within the limits of each tax levy so authorized a levy shall be made at the rate required to produce the amount of funds determined as aforesaid.

The proposition or propositions to authorize additional tax levies for current operations or capital outlays or both may be submitted to the electors of a school district at any election, whether called specially for this purpose, or called for any other purpose, but may be submitted not more than twice in any one year.

No district shall submit to the electorate upon authority of this subsection a proposition to authorize additional levies for current operations or capital outlays for any year for which such electors have previously approved a levy under the authority of this subsection for the same purpose. A district may however at any time submit to the electorate a proposition to substitute for any prior authorization, a new authorization for the same purpose: PROVIDED, (1) That the levy authorized by the substituted authorization will be adequate to fulfill all contractual obligations of the district incurred by

reason of the prior authorization, and (2) that the substitute proposition shall by its terms supersede the prior authorization and by its terms shall not become effective until the first tax levy year following the date of the election at which it was authorized and then be in lieu of any tax levy authorized by the superseded authorization.

The procedures specified in this subsection shall be deemed cumulative to the other procedures specified in this section.

AND BE IT 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 Mar. 10, 1961.
JOHN A. CHERBERG,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House Mar. 24, 1961.
JOHN L. O'BRIEN,
Speaker of the House.

EXPLANATORY COMMENT SUB. S.J.R. NO. 1:

All words underscored do not appear in our State Constitution as it is now written but will be put in if this amendment is adopted.

VICTOR A. MEYERS, Secretary of State

COMPLETE TEXT OF *Senate Joint Resolution No. 9*

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, 1962, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article II, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, as amended by Amendment 7 by adding thereto a **new subsection** to be known as subsection (e), reading as follows:

Article II, section 1, subsection (e). The legislature shall provide methods of publicity of all laws or parts of laws, and amendments to the Constitution referred to the people with arguments for and against the laws and amendments so referred. The secretary of state shall send one copy of the publication to each individual place of residence in the state and shall make such additional distribution as he shall determine necessary to reasonably assure that each voter will have an opportunity to study the measures prior to election. These provisions supersede the provisions set forth in the last paragraph of section 1 of this article as amended by the seventh amendment to the Constitution of this state.

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 Feb. 14, 1961.

JOHN A. CHERBERG,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House Mar. 6, 1961.

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

EXPLANATORY COMMENT S.J.R. NO. 9:

All words underscored do not appear in our State Constitution as it is now written but will be put in if this amendment is adopted.

VICTOR A. MEYERS, Secretary of State

COMPLETE TEXT OF

Senate Joint Resolution No. 21

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, 1962, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for their adoption or rejection, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Washington:

Section 33, Article II and Amendments 24 and 29 amendatory thereof, of the Constitution of the State of Washington are each hereby repealed.

AND 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 newspaper is published.

Passed the Senate Feb. 24, 1961.

JOHN A. CHERBERG,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House Mar. 5, 1961.

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

EXPLANATORY COMMENT S.J.R. NO. 21:

All the words printed below and lined through are in our State Constitution at the present time and are being taken out by this amendment.

VICTOR A. MEYERS, Secretary of State

~~Sec. 33, Article II (as amended): Alien Ownership. The ownership of lands by aliens, other than those who in good faith have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, is prohibited in this state, except where acquired by inheritance, under mortgage or in good faith in the ordinary course of justice in the collection of debts; and all conveyances of lands hereafter made to any alien directly, or in trust for such alien, shall be void: Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to lands containing valuable deposits of minerals, metals, iron, coal, or fire clay, and the necessary land for mills and machinery to be used in the development thereof and the manufacture of the products therefrom: And provided further, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the citizens of such of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada as do not expressly or by implication prohibit ownership of provincial lands by citizens of this state.~~

COMPLETE TEXT OF

Senate Joint Resolution No. 25

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, 1962, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article XXIII, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, to read as follows:

Article XXIII, section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either branch of the legislature; and if the same shall be agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their journals, with the ayes and noes thereon, and be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval, at the next general election; and if the people approve and ratify such amendment or amendments, by a majority of the electors voting thereon, the same shall become part of this Constitution, and proclamation thereof shall be made by the governor: PROVIDED, that if more than one amendment be submitted, they shall be submitted in such a manner that the people may vote for or against such amendments separately. The legislature shall also cause notice of the amendments that are to be submitted to the people to be published ((for at least three months next preceding the election, in some weekly newspaper, in every county where a newspaper is published throughout the state)) at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state: PRO-VIDED, That failure of any newspaper to publish this notice shall not be interpreted as affecting the outcome of the election.

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 Feb. 24, 1961.

JOHN A. CHERBERG,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House Mar. 8, 1961.

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

EXPLANATORY COMMENT S.J.R. NO. 25:

All words in double parentheses and lined through are in our State Constitution at the present and are being taken out by this amendment. All words underscored do not appear in the State Constitution as it is now written but will be put in if this amendment is adopted.

VICTOR A. MEYERS, Secretary of State

COMPLETE TEXT OF

*Substitute House
Joint Resolution No. 1*

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, 1962, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state, for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article 7, section 2 as amended by Amendment 17 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, by adding thereto a new subsection designated as subsection () which shall read as follows: