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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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section All mandatory, regulatory, licensing,
9 and disciplinary functions regarding the practice of law and the
10 administration of justice in this state shall reside exclusively in the
11 supreme court. Judicial legislative policies and functions pertaining
12 to the practice of law and the administration of justice shall be
13 reasonably related to the following subjects: Regulating and
14 disciplining lawyers; improving the functioning of the courts,
15 including issues of judicial independence, fairness, efficacy, and
16 efficiency; making legal services available to society; regulating
17 lawyer trust accounts; the education, ethics, competence, integrity,
18 and regulation of the legal profession; providing law improvement
19 assistance to elected and appointed government officials; issues

1 involving the structure, organization, and operation of federal, state,
2 and local courts in or affecting Washington; issues involving the rules
3 of practice, procedure, and evidence in federal, state, or local courts
4 in or affecting Washington; or issues involving the duties and
5 functions of judges and lawyers in federal, state, and local courts in
6 or affecting Washington. Involuntary, mandatory bar associations are
7 hereby prohibited.

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

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