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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 there
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article XI of
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to
7 read as follows:

8 Article XI, section The legislature shall enact legislation
9 providing for the following separate processes enabling citizens and
10 their elected local government officials to review local governments
11 and consider alternatives for more adequately structuring or shaping
12 local governments to meet their local needs:

13 (1) A process shall be established for local governments to define
14 and use a procedure by which binding agreements are developed and
15 implemented among local governments for the provision of services and
16 development of local policies and regulations, including the transfer

1 of services and revenues between local governments existing at the time
2 such transfers are made. This process may be used by local governments
3 on a county-wide, less than county-wide, or greater than county-wide
4 basis.

5 (2) A process shall be established by which a temporary group of
6 voters within each county is elected to review local governments within
7 the county and may present a proposal or proposals for altering local
8 governments to voters for their approval or rejection. Each temporary
9 group of voters shall be assisted by an advisory group of local
10 governmental elected officials. The formation, retention, boundaries,
11 and powers of local governments within the county, and the powers of
12 the county government, may be considered under such a process,
13 including any alteration to local governments that is authorized under
14 the provisions of section 16 of this Article. Provisions shall be made
15 for such a group of voters to be elected from, and develop proposals
16 affecting, an area greater than a single county.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
18 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at
19 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
20 every legal newspaper in the state.