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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4210

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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 VII,  
6 section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8            Article VII, section 1. The power of taxation shall never be  
9 suspended, surrendered or contracted away. All taxes shall be uniform  
10 upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the  
11 authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public  
12 purposes only. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and  
13 include everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to  
14 ownership. All nonresidential real estate shall constitute one class:  
15 *Provided*, That the legislature may tax mines and mineral resources and  
16 lands devoted to reforestation by either a yield tax or an ad valorem  
17 tax at such rate as it may fix, or by both. The legislature may also  
18 provide a method or methods of limiting increases in taxation of  
19 residential real estate under definitions, conditions, and restrictions  
20 deemed proper by the legislature. Such property as the legislature may

1 by general laws provide shall be exempt from taxation. Property of the  
2 United States and of the state, counties, school districts and other  
3 municipal corporations, and credits secured by property actually taxed  
4 in this state, not exceeding in value the value of such property, shall  
5 be exempt from taxation. The legislature shall have power, by  
6 appropriate legislation, to exempt personal property to the amount of  
7 three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars for each head of a family liable to  
8 assessment and taxation under the provisions of the laws of this state  
9 of which the individual is the actual bona fide owner.

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

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