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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4205

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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 I, section 21 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to  
7 read as follows:

8 Article I, section 21. The right of trial by jury shall remain  
9 inviolate, but the legislature may provide for a jury of any number  
10 less than twelve in courts not of record, and for a verdict by nine or  
11 more jurors in civil cases in any court of record, and for a verdict by  
12 ten or more jurors in criminal cases in any court of record, and for  
13 waiving of the jury in civil cases where the consent of the parties  
14 interested is given thereto.

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

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