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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4209

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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 VIII, section 10 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8            Article VIII, section 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
9 section 7 of this Article, any county, city, town, quasi municipal  
10 corporation, municipal corporation, or political subdivision of the  
11 state which is engaged in the sale or distribution of water ~~((or))~~,  
12 energy, or stormwater or sewer services may, as authorized by the  
13 legislature, use public moneys or credit derived from operating  
14 revenues from the sale of water ~~((or))~~, energy, or stormwater or sewer  
15 services to assist the owners of structures or equipment in financing  
16 the acquisition and installation of materials and equipment for the  
17 conservation or more efficient use of water ~~((or))~~, energy, or  
18 stormwater or sewer services in such structures or equipment. Except  
19 as provided in section 7 of this Article, an appropriate charge back  
20 shall be made for such extension of public moneys or credit and the  
21 same shall be a lien against the structure benefited or a security

1 interest in the equipment benefited. Any financing for energy  
2 conservation authorized by this article shall only be used for  
3 conservation purposes in existing structures and shall not be used for  
4 any purpose which results in a conversion from one energy source to  
5 another.

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

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