

---

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4207

---

State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      1999 Regular Session

By Representatives Lambert and Linville

Read first time 02/09/1999. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

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 XI, section 3 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to  
7 read as follows:

8            Article XI, section 3. No new counties shall be established which  
9 shall reduce any county to a population less than four thousand  
10 (4,000), nor shall a new county be formed containing a (~~less~~)  
11 population of less than two thousand (2,000). There shall be no  
12 territory stricken from any county unless (~~a majority~~) at least  
13 twenty-five percent of the registered voters living in such territory  
14 shall petition therefor and then only under such other conditions as  
15 may be prescribed by a general law applicable to the whole state.  
16 Every county which shall be enlarged or created from territory taken  
17 from any other county or counties shall be liable for a just proportion  
18 of the existing debts and liabilities of the county or counties from  
19 which such territory shall be taken(~~:- Provided, That in such~~  
20 ~~accounting~~). Neither county shall be charged with any debt or  
21 liability then existing incurred in the purchase of any county

1 property, or in the purchase or construction of any county buildings  
2 then in use, or under construction, which shall fall within and be  
3 retained by the county(~~(: Provided further, That)~~). This allotment of  
4 debts shall not be construed to affect the rights of creditors.

--- END ---