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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8211

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By Senator Roach

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

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 the  
6 Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new article to read  
7 as follows:

8 Article . . . , section . . . (1) Any tax increase imposed by the  
9 state requires voter approval.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "tax" includes, but is not  
11 necessarily limited to, sales and use taxes, property taxes, business  
12 and occupation taxes, excise taxes, fuel taxes, impact fees, license  
13 fees, permit fees, and any monetary charge by government.

14 (3) For the purposes of this section, "tax" does not include:

15 (a) Higher education tuition; and

16 (b) Civil and criminal fines and other charges collected in cases  
17 of restitution or violation of law or contract.

18 (4) For the purposes of this section, "tax increase" includes, but  
19 is not necessarily limited to, a new tax, a monetary increase in an  
20 existing tax, a tax rate increase, an expansion in the legal definition  
21 of a tax base, and an extension of an expiring tax.

1 (5) For the purposes of this section, "state" includes, but is not  
2 necessarily limited to, the state itself and all its departments and  
3 agencies, any city, county, special district, and other political  
4 subdivision or governmental instrumentality of or within the state.

5 (6) This section does not apply to any specific emergency measure  
6 authorized by vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the  
7 legislature and expiring not later than twelve months from the  
8 effective date of the emergency act.

9 (7) This section is intended to add to, and not replace, any  
10 requirements imposed by law.

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

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