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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 waiving of
12 the jury in civil cases where the consent of the parties interested is
13 given thereto. The legislature may provide for limitations on the
14 amount of noneconomic damages recoverable in a civil action for injury
15 or death occurring as a result of health care.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
17 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
2 newspaper in the state.

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