
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4204

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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 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~~

1 ~~accounting~~)). Neither county shall be charged with any debt or
2 liability then existing incurred in the purchase of any county
3 property, or in the purchase or construction of any county buildings
4 then in use, or under construction, which shall fall within and be
5 retained by the county(~~(:~~~~Provided further, That~~)). This allotment of
6 debts shall not be construed to affect the rights of creditors.

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

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