
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 VII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section (1) A tax increase may be imposed only
9 by a favorable vote of three-fifths of the members of each house of the
10 legislature.

11 (2) For the purposes of this section, "tax" means a charge imposed
12 on a person, property, or transaction for the general support of
13 government.

14 (3) For the purposes of this section, "tax increase" includes, but
15 is not limited to, a new tax, a monetary increase in an existing tax,
16 a tax rate increase, an expansion in the legal definition of a tax
17 base, and an extension of an expiring tax.

18 (4) For the purposes of this section, "state" includes, but is not

1 limited to, the state and all its departments and agencies, any city,
2 county, special district, and other political subdivision or
3 governmental instrumentality of or within the state.

4 (5) This section does not apply to:

5 (a) A tax that must be used exclusively for highway purposes under
6 Article II, section 40 of this constitution; or

7 (b) Any specific emergency measure authorized by a favorable vote
8 of a majority of the members of each house of the legislature and
9 expiring not later than twelve months from the effective date of the
10 emergency act.

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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