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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8212

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By Senators Hargrove, Carrell, Regala and Stevens

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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 II, section 29 of the Constitution of the state of Washington
7   to read as follows:

8   Article II, section 29.   ((After the first day of January eighteen
9   hundred and ninety)) The labor of ((convicts)) inmates of this state
10   shall not be let out by contract to any person, copartnership, company,
11   or corporation, except as provided by statute, and the legislature
12   shall by law provide for the working of ((convicts)) inmates for the
13   benefit of the state, including the working of inmates in state-run
14   inmate labor programs. Inmate labor programs provided by statute that
15   are operated and managed, in total or in part, by any profit or
16   nonprofit entities shall be operated so that the programs do not
17   unfairly compete with Washington businesses as determined by law.

18   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause

1 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
2 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
3 newspaper in the state.

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