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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8213**

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**By** Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Kastama, and Litzow)

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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 . . . . Notwithstanding any provision of this  
9       Constitution, the legislature may by general law authorize the  
10      legislative authority of any county, city, town, or port district to  
11      designate boundaries within its jurisdiction containing only that  
12      property which that legislative authority determines will be increased  
13      in value by reason of public improvements within those designated  
14      boundaries, and may provide that all or a portion of regular or special  
15      ad valorem taxes levied within those boundaries against the value of  
16      property may be used to pay for the specified public improvements or to  
17      pay obligations issued or incurred to fund the specified public  
18      improvements. The levying, collection, allocation, or use of all or a  
19      portion of regular or special ad valorem taxes within those boundaries

1 to provide for the specified public improvements or obligations issued  
2 or incurred therefor does not constitute a lack of uniformity of  
3 taxation on a class of property under section 1 of this article, but  
4 special ad valorem taxes must be uniform upon the same class of  
5 property within the designated boundaries. Special ad valorem taxes  
6 levied within those boundaries are not subject to the limitations  
7 imposed by section 2 of this article, and the rate of special taxation  
8 is not included in the computation of the aggregate of all taxes levied  
9 by any taxing district upon property within those boundaries for  
10 purposes of section 2 of this article. A pledge of special ad valorem  
11 tax revenues or apportioned regular ad valorem tax revenues from within  
12 those boundaries to secure obligations issued or incurred for the  
13 specified public improvements does not cause those obligations to  
14 constitute "debt" or "indebtedness" of the state, a county, city, town,  
15 school district, or other municipal corporation under Article VIII of  
16 this Constitution. Regular ad valorem tax revenues of the state  
17 apportioned pursuant to this section are not included as "general state  
18 revenues" under Article VIII, section 1(c) of this Constitution and are  
19 not subject to appropriation under Article VIII, section 4 of this  
20 Constitution.

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

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