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**ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8222**

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**By** Senators Kastama, Tom, Rolfes, Hobbs, Hatfield, Regala, Hill, Haugen, 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 . . . . (1) For the 2014 fiscal year or any  
9 subsequent fiscal year, the legislature may not present to the governor  
10 for consideration, nor may the governor sign into law, an  
11 appropriations bill that would appropriate from the general fund for  
12 that fiscal year a total amount that, when combined with all  
13 appropriations from the general fund for that fiscal year made as of  
14 the date of the appropriation bill's passage and the amount of any  
15 general fund moneys to be transferred to the budget stabilization  
16 account pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of this Constitution,  
17 exceeds the prior fund balance and any general fund revenues for that  
18 fiscal year as estimated by the economic and revenue forecast council  
19 or successor entity as of the date of the budget bill's passage.

1           (2) For the 2014 fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year, the  
2 legislature may not present to the governor for consideration, nor may  
3 the governor sign into law, an appropriations bill that would require  
4 for any of the subsequent three fiscal years general fund  
5 appropriations necessary to maintain estimated program and service  
6 levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other  
7 state law, of a total amount that, when combined with all projected  
8 appropriations from the general fund for that fiscal year and the  
9 amount of any general fund moneys projected to be transferred to the  
10 budget stabilization account pursuant to Article VII, section 12 of  
11 this Constitution, exceeds prior fund balances and general fund  
12 revenues for that fiscal year as estimated by the economic and revenue  
13 forecast council or successor entity as of the date of the budget  
14 bill's passage.

15           (3) The requirements of subsection (2) of this section do not apply  
16 in a fiscal year in which money is withdrawn and appropriated from the  
17 budget stabilization account.

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

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