
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8202

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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 must submit to the qualified voters of the state for
5 their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article
6 VII, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read
7 as follows:

8 Article VII, section 1. (1) The power of taxation shall never be
9 suspended, surrendered or contracted away. All taxes shall be uniform
10 upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the
11 authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public
12 purposes only. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and
13 include everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to
14 ownership. All real estate shall constitute one class: Provided, That
15 the legislature may tax mines and mineral resources and lands devoted
16 to reforestation by either a yield tax or an ad valorem tax at such
17 rate as it may fix, or by both.

18 (2) Such property as the legislature may by general laws provide
19 shall be exempt from taxation. Property of the United States and of

1 the state, counties, school districts and other municipal corporations,
2 and credits secured by property actually taxed in this state, not
3 exceeding in value the value of such property, shall be exempt from
4 taxation. The legislature shall have power, by appropriate
5 legislation, to exempt personal property to the amount of fifteen
6 thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars for each head of a family liable to
7 assessment and taxation under the provisions of the laws of this state
8 of which the individual is the actual bona fide owner.

9 (3) No tax may be imposed or levied upon earned or net income;
10 however, nothing in this Article may be construed to prohibit any tax
11 in effect on January 1, 2013, or adjustment to the rate of such a tax.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state must cause
13 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
14 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
15 newspaper in the state.

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