
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8202

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senators Chase, Hasegawa, Kohl-Welles, and Jayapal

Read first time 01/21/15. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article VII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding
7 a new section to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section (1) The legislature may enact taxes
9 imposed on or measured by net income as defined by the legislature.
10 The legislature may not increase the rates of tax established in the
11 act initially adopting an income tax unless the increase is submitted
12 to the qualified electors of the state and is approved by the
13 majority of the electors voting thereon.

14 (2) Income is not property within the meaning of this article,
15 and a tax on income is not a tax on property.

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

--- END ---