
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8209

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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 IV of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article IV, section . . . (1) Authorization. In addition to the
9 other courts authorized in this article, judicial power is vested in
10 a tax court to be established by statute.

11 (2) Jurisdiction. The tax court will have jurisdiction over tax
12 disputes as provided by statute. Nothing in this section limits the
13 original jurisdiction of superior courts in cases involving the
14 legality of any tax, impost, or assessment and nothing in this
15 section precludes the legislature from authorizing concurrent
16 jurisdiction over such matters in the tax court.

17 (3) Review. Tax court decisions may be reviewed by the supreme
18 court as provided by statute or by rule authorized by statute.

19 (4) Judges. The number, manner of election, compensation, terms
20 of office, removal and retirement of judges of the tax court shall be
21 as provided by statute.

1 (5) Administration and Procedure. The administration and
2 procedures of the tax court shall be as provided by statute or, if
3 not so provided, by rules issued by the tax court.

4 (6) Conflicts. The provisions of this section supersede any
5 conflicting provisions in prior sections of this article.

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

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