

SHJR 4220 - H AMD 1037

By Representative Hope

WITHDRAWN 2/05/2010

1 On page 1, line 2, strike everything after "ASSEMBLED:" and insert  
2 the following:

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 1, section 20 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 by adding a new section to read as follows:

8 Article I, section 20. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
9 this Constitution, all persons charged with crime shall be bailable by  
10 sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses and offenses for  
11 which the maximum sentence is the possibility of life in prison, when  
12 the proof is evident, or the presumption great.

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this act shall be known as the  
18 Lakewood law enforcement memorial act."

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**EFFECT:** Removes the language giving judges the discretion to deny bail to a person charged with a crime if only the pretrial detention of the person will reasonably assure public safety.

Provides that, notwithstanding any provision of the Constitution, a judge may deny bail to a person charged with an offense for which the maximum sentence is the possibility of life in prison.

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