
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4217

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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 Notwithstanding any provision of this
9 Constitution, the legislature may by general law authorize the
10 legislative authority of any county, city, town, or port district to
11 designate boundaries within its jurisdiction containing only that
12 property which that legislative authority determines will be increased
13 in value by reason of public improvements within those designated
14 boundaries, and may provide that all or a portion of regular or special
15 ad valorem taxes levied within those boundaries against the value of
16 property may be used to pay for the specified public improvements or to
17 pay obligations issued or incurred to fund the specified public
18 improvements. The levying, collection, allocation, or use of all or a
19 portion of regular or special ad valorem taxes within those boundaries

1 to provide for the specified public improvements or obligations issued
2 or incurred therefor does not constitute a lack of uniformity of
3 taxation on a class of property under section 1 of this article, but
4 special ad valorem taxes must be uniform upon the same class of
5 property within the designated boundaries. Special ad valorem taxes
6 levied within those boundaries are not subject to the limitations
7 imposed by section 2 of this article, and the rate of special taxation
8 is not included in the computation of the aggregate of all taxes levied
9 by any taxing district upon property within those boundaries for
10 purposes of section 2 of this article. The allocation and use of all
11 or a portion of regular or special ad valorem taxes levied and
12 collected within those boundaries to provide for specified public
13 improvements or obligations issued or incurred therefor does not
14 violate the requirements of Article IX, section 2 of this Constitution.
15 A pledge of special ad valorem tax revenues or apportioned regular ad
16 valorem tax revenues from within those boundaries to secure obligations
17 issued or incurred for the specified public improvements does not cause
18 those obligations to constitute "debt" or "indebtedness" of the state,
19 a county, city, town, school district, or other municipal corporation
20 under Article VIII of this Constitution. Regular ad valorem tax
21 revenues of the state apportioned pursuant to this section are not
22 included as "general state revenues" under Article VIII, section 1(c)
23 of this Constitution and are not subject to appropriation under Article
24 VIII, section 4 of this Constitution.

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

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