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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4200

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By Representatives Dunshee, Butler, Morris, Conway, Dickerson, Keiser, Hatfield, Blalock, Cooper, Mason, Cody, Costa, Ogden, Linville, Kessler, Constantine, Grant, Anderson, Chopp, Wood, Gardner and Gombosky

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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 other provision of  
9 this constitution, the legislature may provide a credit against state  
10 ad valorem taxes equal to the taxes imposed on a fixed amount of  
11 assessed valuation of owner-occupied residential property that is not  
12 primarily used for commercial purposes. No credit may result in  
13 increased property taxes on other taxpayers.

14            The legislature may place such other restrictions and conditions  
15 upon the applicability of the credit under this section as it shall  
16 deem proper.

17            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
18 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal  
2 newspaper in the state.

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