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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4211

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By Representative Thomas

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

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 .... (1) Notwithstanding any other provision  
9 of this Constitution, there shall be a credit against property taxes  
10 levied for state purposes on owner-occupied residential property. The  
11 amount of the credit shall be two hundred dollars for taxes payable in  
12 2001. The credit shall increase each year thereafter by the change in  
13 state personal income for the previous fiscal year. The credit is in  
14 addition to any tax relief under Article VII, section 10. No credit  
15 may exceed the amount of state tax due.

16 (2) Unless otherwise provided by statute, and to the extent  
17 applicable, the definitions, qualifications, application procedures,  
18 and other administrative provisions provided by the legislature for  
19 property tax relief under Article VII, section 10 apply to the credit  
20 under this section. No income or age requirements shall apply to the  
21 credit under this section. Any notice to a taxpayer of property taxes

1 due shall indicate the amount of the credit and the tax payable after  
2 application of the credit.

3 (3) The legislature may, by statute, increase the amount of the  
4 credit that is otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this section.

5 (4) This section is self-executing, and no legislation is necessary  
6 to implement this section.

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

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