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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  
7 a 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, or town to designate  
11 boundaries within its jurisdiction containing only that property  
12 which that legislative authority determines will be increased in  
13 value by reason of public improvements within those designated  
14 boundaries, and may provide that all or a portion of regular or  
15 special ad valorem taxes levied within those boundaries against the  
16 value of property may be used to pay for the specified public  
17 improvements or to pay obligations issued or incurred to fund the  
18 specified public improvements and to pay for specified community  
19 benefit activities that contribute to social equity and environmental  
20 goals for the designated area, as established by the legislative  
21 authority creating the same. The levying, collection, allocation, or  
22 use of all or a portion of regular or special ad valorem taxes within

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

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

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