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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4210

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3            THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state there  
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their  
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article VII  
6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section  
7 to read as follows:

8            Article VII, section \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
9 Article 7, section 1 (Amendment 14) and Article 7, section 2 (Amendment  
10 17), the following tax exemption shall be allowed as to real property:

11            The legislature shall have the power, by appropriate legislation,  
12 to grant to first-time homebuyers relief from the property tax on the  
13 real property occupied as a residence by those homebuyers for up to a  
14 three-year period after purchase. The legislature may place such  
15 restrictions and conditions upon the granting of such relief as it  
16 shall deem proper. Such restrictions and conditions may include, but

1 are not limited to, the limiting of the relief to those property owners  
2 below a specific level of income and those fulfilling certain minimum  
3 residential requirements.

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