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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4213

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By Representative Sheldon

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 I, section 12, Article VIII, sections 5 and 7, and Article XI,  
7 section 9 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
8 follows:

9 Article I, section 12. No law shall be passed granting to any  
10 citizen, class of citizens, or corporation other than municipal,  
11 privileges or immunities which upon the same terms shall not equally  
12 belong to all citizens, or corporations.

13 This section does not apply to a law enacted before January 1,  
14 1998, that authorizes a public stadium authority to establish a stadium  
15 and exhibition center.

16 Article VIII, section 5. The credit of the state shall not, in any  
17 manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of, any individual,  
18 association, company or corporation.

1       This section does not apply to a law enacted before January 1,  
2 1998, that authorizes a public stadium authority to establish a stadium  
3 and exhibition center.

4       Article VIII, section 7. No county, city, town or other municipal  
5 corporation shall hereafter give any money, or property, or loan its  
6 money, or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, company  
7 or corporation, except for the necessary support of the poor and  
8 infirm, or become directly or indirectly the owner of any stock in or  
9 bonds of any association, company or corporation.

10       This section does not apply to a law enacted before January 1,  
11 1998, that authorizes a public stadium authority to establish a stadium  
12 and exhibition center.

13       Article XI, section 9. No county, nor the inhabitants thereof, nor  
14 the property therein, shall be released or discharged from its or their  
15 proportionate share of taxes to be levied for state purposes, nor shall  
16 commutation for such taxes be authorized in any form whatever.

17       This section does not apply to a law enacted before January 1,  
18 1998, that authorizes a public stadium authority to establish a stadium  
19 and exhibition center.

20       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment  
21 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state  
22 Constitution.

23       The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment  
24 constitute a single integrated plan for authorizing a public stadium  
25 authority to establish a stadium and exhibition center. If this  
26 amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is  
27 void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

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

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