## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4224

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By Representatives Ross, Skinner, Newhouse, Ahern, McCune and Kretz Read first time . Referred to .

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

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THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article IX, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington; and an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to read as follows:

9 Article I, section . . . It is the paramount duty of the state to 10 make ample provision for the public safety of all persons residing 11 within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of 12 race, color, caste, or sex.

Article IX, section 1. It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the <u>public safety and</u> education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state Constitution; and

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

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