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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4210

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**By** Representatives Springer, Haler, Sullivan, Crouse, and Maxwell

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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 a  
7 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 which  
12 that legislative authority determines will be increased in value by  
13 reason of public improvements within those designated boundaries, and  
14 may provide that all or a portion of regular or special ad valorem  
15 taxes levied within those boundaries against the value of property may  
16 be used to pay for the specified public improvements, to pay  
17 obligations issued or incurred to finance the specified public  
18 improvements and to pay for specified community benefit activities that  
19 contribute to social equity and environmental goals for the designated

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

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

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