
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4214

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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 II of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article II, section . . . (1) Any action or combination of
9 actions by the legislature that raises taxes may be taken only if
10 approved by at least a two-thirds vote of both the house of
11 representatives and the senate. Pursuant to the referendum power set
12 forth in Article II, section 1(b) of this Constitution, tax increases
13 may be referred to the voters for their approval or rejection at an
14 election.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "raises taxes" means any
16 action or combination of actions by the state legislature that
17 increases state tax revenue deposited in any fund, budget, or
18 account, regardless of whether the revenues are deposited into the
19 general fund.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
21 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every
2 legal newspaper in the state.

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