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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 there  
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their  
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article IX of  
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to  
7 read as follows:

8            Article IX, section .... . In recognition of the fact that it is  
9 the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the  
10 education of all children residing in the state, the funding for common  
11 school education shall take priority over all other governmental  
12 spending, except debt repayment. Appropriations in support of common  
13 school education shall be enacted prior to the enactment of any other  
14 appropriation measure unless the legislature declares an emergency  
15 appropriation for some other purpose by a two-thirds vote of each  
16 house.

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