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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4221

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By Representative Appelwick.

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2 THE 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 IV,  
6 section 6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8            Article IV, section 6.            The superior court shall have original  
9 jurisdiction (~~((in all cases in equity and))~~) in all cases at law which  
10 involve the title or possession of real property, or the legality of  
11 any tax, impost, assessment, toll, or municipal fine, and in all other  
12 cases in which the demand or the value of the property in controversy  
13 amounts to three thousand dollars or as otherwise determined by law, or  
14 a lesser sum in excess of the jurisdiction granted to justices of the  
15 peace and other inferior courts, and in all criminal cases amounting to  
16 felony, and in all cases of misdemeanor not otherwise provided for by

1 law; of actions of forcible entry and detainer; of proceedings in  
2 insolvency; of actions to prevent or abate a nuisance; of all matters  
3 of probate, of divorce, and for annulment of marriage; and for such  
4 special cases and proceedings as are not otherwise provided for. The  
5 superior court shall also have original jurisdiction in all cases and  
6 of all proceedings in which jurisdiction shall not have been by law  
7 vested exclusively in some other court; and said court shall have the  
8 power of naturalization and to issue papers therefor. They shall have  
9 such appellate jurisdiction in cases arising in justices' and other  
10 inferior courts in their respective counties as may be prescribed by  
11 law. They shall always be open, except on nonjudicial days, and their  
12 process shall extend to all parts of the state. Said courts and their  
13 judges shall have power to issue writs of mandamus, quo warranto,  
14 review, certiorari, prohibition, and writs of habeas corpus, on  
15 petition by or on behalf of any person in actual custody in their  
16 respective counties. Injunctions and writs of prohibition and of  
17 habeas corpus may be issued and served on legal holidays and  
18 nonjudicial days.