SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8205

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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 VII
- 6 of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 Article VII, section ____. Notwithstanding the provisions of
- 9 Article 7, section 1 (Amendment 14) and Article 7, section 2 (Amendment
- 10 17), the following tax exemption shall be allowed as to real property:
- 11 The legislature shall have the power, by appropriate legislation,
- 12 to grant to low-income property owners relief from the property tax on
- 13 the real property occupied as a residence by those owners. The
- 14 legislature may place such restrictions and conditions upon the
- 15 granting of such relief as it shall deem proper. Such restrictions and
- 16 conditions may include, but are not limited to, the limiting of the

- 1 relief to those property owners fulfilling certain minimum residential
- 2 requirements, and shall include the limiting of relief to those
- 3 property owners below specified income levels.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
- 5 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at
- 6 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in
- 7 every legal newspaper in the state.