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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4205

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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 section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8 Article VII, section 1. The power of taxation shall never be  
9 suspended, surrendered or contracted away. All taxes shall be uniform  
10 upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the  
11 authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public  
12 purposes only: PROVIDED, That the legislature may provide a method or  
13 methods of limiting increases in taxation of real estate, under  
14 definitions, conditions, and restrictions deemed proper by the  
15 legislature. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and include  
16 everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to ownership. All  
17 real estate shall constitute one class: PROVIDED, That the legislature  
18 may tax mines and mineral resources and lands devoted to reforestation  
19 by either a yield tax or an ad valorem tax at such rate as it may fix,  
20 or by both. Such property as the legislature may by general laws

1 provide shall be exempt from taxation. Property of the United States  
2 and of the state, counties, school districts and other municipal  
3 corporations, and credits secured by property actually taxed in this  
4 state, not exceeding in value the value of such property, shall be  
5 exempt from taxation. The legislature shall have power, by appropriate  
6 legislation, to exempt personal property to the amount of three  
7 thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars for each head of a family liable to  
8 assessment and taxation under the provisions of the laws of this state  
9 of which the individual is the actual bona fide owner.

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

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