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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8205**

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**By Senator Winsley**

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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 VII,  
6 section 2 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8 Article VII, section 2. Except as hereinafter provided and  
9 notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the aggregate  
10 of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state and all  
11 taxing districts now existing or hereafter created, shall not in any  
12 year exceed one per centum of the true and fair value of such property  
13 in money: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing herein shall prevent levies  
14 at the rates now provided by law by or for any port or public utility  
15 district. The term "taxing district" for the purposes of this section  
16 shall mean any political subdivision, municipal corporation, district,  
17 or other governmental agency authorized by law to levy, or have levied  
18 for it, ad valorem taxes on property, other than a port or public  
19 utility district. Such aggregate limitation or any specific limitation  
20 imposed by law in conformity therewith may be exceeded only

1 (a) By any taxing district when specifically authorized so to do by  
2 a majority (~~((of at least three-fifths))~~) of the electors thereof voting  
3 on the proposition to levy such additional tax submitted not more than  
4 twelve months prior to the date on which the proposed levy is to be  
5 made and not oftener than twice in such twelve month period, either at  
6 a special election or at the regular election of such taxing district,  
7 at which election the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition  
8 shall constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty per centum of  
9 the total votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding  
10 general election when the number of electors voting on the proposition  
11 does not exceed forty per centum of the total votes cast in such taxing  
12 district in the last preceding general election; or by a majority (~~((of  
13 at least three-fifths))~~) of the electors thereof voting on the  
14 proposition to levy when the number of electors voting on the  
15 proposition exceeds forty per centum of the total votes cast in such  
16 taxing district in the last preceding general election: PROVIDED, That  
17 notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, any  
18 proposition pursuant to this subsection to levy additional tax for the  
19 support of the common schools may provide such support for a two year  
20 period and any proposition to levy an additional tax to support the  
21 construction, modernization, or remodelling of school facilities may  
22 provide such support for a period not exceeding six years;

23 (b) By any taxing district otherwise authorized by law to issue  
24 general obligation bonds for capital purposes, for the sole purpose of  
25 making the required payments of principal and interest on general  
26 obligation bonds issued solely for capital purposes, other than the  
27 replacement of equipment, when authorized so to do by majority (~~((of at  
28 least three-fifths))~~) of the electors thereof voting on the proposition  
29 to issue such bonds and to pay the principal and interest thereon by an  
30 annual tax levy in excess of the limitation herein provided during the  
31 term of such bonds, submitted not oftener than twice in any calendar  
32 year, at an election held in the manner provided by law for bond  
33 elections in such taxing district, at which election the total number  
34 of persons voting on the proposition shall constitute not less than  
35 forty per centum of the total number of votes cast in such taxing  
36 district at the last preceding general election: PROVIDED, That any  
37 such taxing district shall have the right by vote of its governing body  
38 to refund any general obligation bonds of said district issued for  
39 capital purposes only, and to provide for the interest thereon and

1 amortization thereof by annual levies in excess of the tax limitation  
2 provided for herein, AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions of this  
3 section shall also be subject to the limitations contained in Article  
4 VIII, Section 6, of this Constitution;

5 (c) By the state or any taxing district for the purpose of paying  
6 the principal or interest on general obligation bonds outstanding on  
7 December 6, 1934; or for the purpose of preventing the impairment of  
8 the obligation of a contract when ordered so to do by a court of last  
9 resort.

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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