
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8207

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By Senators Deccio, Rasmussen, Winsley, Hewitt, T. Sheldon, Morton, Hale, Stevens, Parlette, Brandland, Mulliken, McCaslin, Oke and Schmidt

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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 the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article I, section 21 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to
7 read as follows:

8 Article I, section 21. The right of trial by jury shall remain
9 inviolate, but the legislature may provide for limitations on the
10 amount of noneconomic damages recoverable in any or all civil causes of
11 action, for a jury of any number less than twelve in courts not of
12 record, and for a verdict by nine or more jurors in civil cases in any
13 court of record, and for waiving of the jury in civil cases where the
14 consent of the parties interested is given thereto.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
16 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

1 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
2 newspaper in the state.

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