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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4221

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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 II, section 29 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8            Article II, section 29. (~~After the first day of January eighteen~~  
9 ~~hundred and ninety~~) The labor of ((convicts)) inmates of this state  
10 shall not be let out by contract to any person, copartnership, company  
11 or corporation, and the legislature shall by law provide for the  
12 working of ((convicts)) inmates for the benefit of the state, including  
13 the working of inmates in state-run inmate labor programs. The state  
14 shall not contract out inmate labor for involuntary servitude. All  
15 contracted inmate labor shall be compensated and voluntary. Inmate  
16 labor programs provided by statute that are operated and managed, in  
17 total or in part, by any profit or nonprofit entities shall be operated  
18 so that the programs do not unfairly compete with Washington businesses

1 as determined by law and shall meet applicable worker safety  
2 requirements for comparable noninmate labor.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
4 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
5 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal  
6 newspaper in the state.

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