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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8218**

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**By** Senators Parlette, Haugen, Swecker, Benton, Stevens, Roach and  
Kilmer

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Operations & Elections.

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 VII, section 10 of the Constitution of the state of Washington  
7 to read as follows:

8            Article VII, section 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article  
9 7, section 1 (Amendment 14) and Article 7, section 2 (Amendment 17),  
10 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 retired property owners relief from the property tax on the  
13 real property occupied as a residence by those owners. The legislature  
14 may place such restrictions and conditions upon the granting of such  
15 relief as it shall deem proper. Such restrictions and conditions may  
16 include, but are not limited to, the limiting of the relief to those  
17 property owners below a specific level of income and those fulfilling  
18 certain minimum residential requirements. Additionally, relief on the

1 assessed valuation of real property may be granted to property owners  
2 based solely on condition of age without respect to income.

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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