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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4212

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By Representatives Klippert, Hayes, Wilson, and Griffey

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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 IX, section 1 of the Constitution of the state of Washington;  
7 and an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the state of  
8 Washington by adding a new section to read as follows:

9            Article I, section . . . . It is a fundamental principle that  
10 public safety is essential to the security of individual rights and  
11 the perpetuity of free government and that the paramount duty of the  
12 state is to make ample provision for the public safety of all persons  
13 residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on  
14 account of race, color, caste, or sex.

15            Article IX, section 1. It is the paramount duty of the state to  
16 make ample provision for the public safety and education of all  
17 children residing within its borders, without distinction or  
18 preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex.

19            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amendment is a single amendment  
20 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state  
21 Constitution.

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

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