
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8208

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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 VII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding
7 a new section to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section Notwithstanding any other provision
9 of this Constitution, the following tax exemption is allowed as to
10 real property:

11 (1) The legislature has the power, by appropriate legislation, to
12 provide a homestead exemption from property taxes levied for state
13 purposes on the real property occupied as a principal residence by
14 those owners. The exempt value must be stated in a dollar amount and
15 must be uniform across all real property occupied as a principal
16 residence by the owner. The homestead exemption may not shift
17 property taxes levied for state purposes. The state levy must be
18 reduced as necessary to prevent the value exempted under the
19 homestead exemption from resulting in a higher tax rate than would
20 have occurred in the absence of the homestead exemption.

21 (2) The legislature may place other restrictions and conditions
22 upon granting the homestead exemption as it deems proper.

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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