
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4206

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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 must submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article II, section Any action or combination of actions
9 by the legislature that raises taxes may be taken only if approved by
10 at least a two-thirds vote of both the house of representatives and
11 the senate. Pursuant to the referendum power set forth in Article II,
12 section 1(b) of this Constitution, tax increases may be referred to
13 the voters for their approval or rejection at an election. For the
14 purposes of this subsection, "raises taxes" means any action or
15 combination of actions by the state legislature that increases state
16 tax revenue deposited in any fund, budget, or account, regardless of
17 whether the revenues are deposited into the general fund.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state must cause
19 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four

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

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