
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4214

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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 a
7 new section to read as follows:

8 Article VII, section Notwithstanding any provision of this
9 Constitution, the legislature may by general law authorize the
10 legislative authority of any county, city, or town to designate
11 boundaries within its jurisdiction containing only that property which
12 that legislative authority determines will be increased in value by
13 reason of public improvements within those designated boundaries, and
14 may provide that all or a portion of regular or special ad valorem
15 taxes levied within those boundaries against the value of property may
16 be used to pay for the specified public improvements or to pay
17 obligations issued or incurred to fund the specified public
18 improvements and to pay for specified community benefit activities that
19 contribute to social equity and environmental goals for the designated

1 area, as established by the legislative authority creating the same.
2 The levying, collection, allocation, or use of all or a portion of
3 regular or special ad valorem taxes within those boundaries for the
4 purposes described in this section does not constitute a lack of
5 uniformity of taxation on a class of property under section 1 or 9 of
6 this article. Special ad valorem taxes levied under this section must
7 be uniform upon the same class of property within the designated
8 boundaries. Special ad valorem taxes levied within those boundaries
9 are not subject to the limitations imposed by section 2 of this
10 article, and the rate of special taxation is not included in the
11 computation of the aggregate tax limitations for purposes of section 2
12 of this article. A pledge of special ad valorem tax revenues, of a
13 portion of regular ad valorem tax revenues levied within those
14 boundaries, of a guaranty fund levy or of special assessments to secure
15 obligations issued or incurred for the specified public improvements
16 does not cause those obligations to constitute "debt" or "indebtedness"
17 of the state, a county, city, town, school district, or other municipal
18 corporation under Article VIII of this Constitution. Regular ad
19 valorem tax revenues of the state apportioned pursuant to this section
20 are not included as "general state revenues" under Article VIII,
21 section 1(c) of this Constitution and are not subject to appropriation
22 under Article VIII, section 4 of this Constitution.

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

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