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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8209

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By Senator Roach

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

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
20 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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