
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4205

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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 . . . (a) All revenues from any state taxes
9 levied for the purpose of funding local government public
10 infrastructure must be paid into the state treasury and deposited
11 into the public works assistance account to be used exclusively for
12 funding local government public works projects. Such revenues include
13 the state solid waste collection tax, the portion of the state public
14 utilities tax dedicated to funding local public works projects, and
15 the portion of the state real estate excise tax deposited in the
16 public works assistance account, as well as repayments of loans made
17 to local governments from the account and any other revenues
18 dedicated in law to the account. The legislature may appropriate
19 moneys from the public works assistance account only for the purpose
20 of funding local government public works projects; however, the
21 legislature may appropriate such revenues for other purposes with the
22 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house.

1 (b) This section takes effect January 1, 2016.

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

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