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H.J.R. No. 118

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to provide for the appraisal of real property for ad valorem tax
3 purposes based on its purchase price.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

7 (k) Notwithstanding Subsections (a), (b), and (i) of this
8 section, for each tax year following the year in which the property
9 was purchased until the end of the tax year in which the ownership
10 of the property changes, the legislature by general law may limit
11 the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax
12 purposes to the lesser of the market value of the property as
13 determined by the appraisal entity or the sum of the amount the
14 owner of the property paid for the property and the initial market
15 value of each new improvement to the property. The applicability of
16 a general law enacted under this subsection must be limited to a
17 bona fide purchaser for value of a property who, in the manner
18 provided by law, applies for the limitation on appraised value
19 under this subsection not later than a date prescribed by general
20 law in the tax year following the year in which the person purchased
21 the property. The maximum appraised value of a residence homestead
22 that is subject to a limitation on appraised value authorized by
23 this subsection and to a limitation authorized by Subsection (i) of
24 this section is equal to the lesser of the amount authorized by this

1 subsection or the amount authorized by that subsection. The
2 legislature may prescribe or delegate to an appropriate public
3 official or entity the authority to prescribe standards and
4 procedures to administer a law enacted under this subsection,
5 including criteria to be used to determine whether a person was a
6 bona fide purchaser for value.

7 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
8 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
9 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
10 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
11 legislature to provide for the appraisal of real property for ad
12 valorem tax purposes based on its purchase price."