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S.J.R. No. 14

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to provide ad valorem tax relief to individuals who lease or rent  
3 their principal residences by rebating a portion of the taxes  
4 imposed on that residential property.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 52-c to read as follows:

8 Sec. 52-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
9 constitution, to provide ad valorem tax relief, the legislature by  
10 general law may authorize the state to pay an ad valorem tax rebate  
11 to an individual who leases or rents as the individual's principal  
12 residence a residential dwelling unit on which ad valorem taxes are  
13 imposed. The legislature may establish procedures for the making  
14 of payments and requirements for eligibility for a payment and may  
15 specify the method for determining the amount of the payment an  
16 individual is eligible to receive.

17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
18 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.  
19 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
20 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
21 legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to individuals who  
22 lease or rent their principal residences by rebating a portion of  
23 the taxes imposed on that residential property."