

1-1 By: Janek S.J.R. No. 4
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed July 21, 2005; July 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; August 5, 2005,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2; August 5, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 4 By: Janek

1-7 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-8 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing
1-9 body of a political subdivision to establish for purposes of ad
1-10 valorem taxation by the political subdivision a lower limit on the
1-11 maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised value
1-12 of residence homesteads in the political subdivision.

1-13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
1-15 amended by adding Subsection (i-1) to read as follows:

1-16 (i-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (a), (b), and (i) of this
1-17 section, the governing body of a political subdivision may
1-18 establish for purposes of ad valorem taxation by the political
1-19 subdivision a limit on the maximum average annual percentage
1-20 increase in the appraised value of residence homesteads in the
1-21 political subdivision that is less than 10 percent but not less than
1-22 three percent. A limitation on residence homestead appraisal
1-23 increases established under this subsection takes effect and
1-24 expires in the manner provided by Subsection (i) of this section.
1-25 If the governing body of a political subdivision establishes a
1-26 limit on appraisal increases under this subsection, the limitation
1-27 remains in effect until amended, repealed, or rescinded by the
1-28 governing body. An amendment, repeal, or rescission of the limit on
1-29 appraisal increases may not take effect before January 1 of the
1-30 sixth tax year following the tax year in which the limitation on
1-31 appraisal increases was established. A subsequent amendment of the
1-32 limit on appraisal increases may not take effect before January 1 of
1-33 the sixth tax year following the tax year in which the preceding
1-34 amendment was adopted.

1-35 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
1-36 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2005.
1-37 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
1-38 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
1-39 governing body of a political subdivision to establish for purposes
1-40 of ad valorem taxation by the political subdivision a lower limit on
1-41 the maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised
1-42 value of residence homesteads in the political subdivision."

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