By: Berman H.J.R. No. 32

Substitute the following for H.J.R. No. 32:

By: Ritter C.S.H.J.R. No. 32

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature

- 2 to permit the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt
- 3 from ad valorem taxation property owned by certain law enforcement
- 4 officer associations.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 8 <u>(e) The Legislature by general law may authorize the</u>
- 9 governing body of a political subdivision of this state to exempt
- 10 from ad valorem taxation the property of a nonprofit association
- 11 that is organized and operated primarily to provide assistance to
- 12 law enforcement officers and their families or dependents. The
- 13 Legislature by general law may provide eligibility limitations for
- 14 an exemption authorized by this section and may provide that the
- 15 exemption may be applied retroactively to one or more tax years
- after the 2000 tax year.
- 17 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 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 permit the governing body of a political subdivision
- 22 to exempt from ad valorem taxation property of certain nonprofit
- 23 law enforcement officer associations."