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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SJR13 by Averitt (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes and providing that state appropriations made for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2007, for the purpose of directly reducing school district property tax rates do not count against the constitutional state spending limit.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$77,468.

The proposed amendment, without enabling legislation, would have no fiscal impact on the state or units of local government.

The amendment would authorize the legislature to adjust the school property tax limitation on the residence homesteads of 65-and-over under certain circumstances.

The amendment would also exempt appropriations for the 2008-09 biennium from state tax revenues not dedicated by the Constitution made for the purpose of directly reducing school district property tax rates from the Article VIII Spending Limit.

The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters at an election to be held May 12, 2007. The change in the Texas Constitution would take effect upon official canvass of returns indicating adoption of the amendment.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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