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H.J.R. No. 25

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature  
2 by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxes the portion of the  
3 assessed value of property attributable to the implementation on  
4 the property of a water conservation initiative, desalination  
5 project, or brush control initiative.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 1-m, Article VIII, Texas Constitution,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1-m. The legislature by general law may exempt  
10 ~~[authorize a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief]~~ from  
11 ad valorem taxes the portion of the assessed value of [en] property  
12 attributable to the implementation on the property of [which] a  
13 rainwater harvesting or other water conservation initiative,  
14 desalination project, or brush control initiative [has been  
15 implemented].

16 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
17 the Texas Constitution:

18 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies to  
19 the constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st Legislature,  
20 Regular Session, 2009, authorizing the legislature to exempt from  
21 ad valorem taxes the portion of the assessed value of property  
22 attributable to the implementation on the property of a water  
23 conservation initiative, desalination project, or brush control  
24 initiative.

1        (b) The amendment to Section 1-m, Article VIII, of this  
2 constitution takes effect January 1, 2010, and applies only to ad  
3 valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after that  
4 date.

5        (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2011.

6        SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
7 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009.  
8 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
9 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the  
10 legislature by general law to exempt from ad valorem taxes the  
11 portion of the assessed value of property attributable to the  
12 implementation on the property of a water conservation initiative,  
13 desalination project, or brush control initiative."