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H.J.R. No. 48

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature 2 to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the assessed value 3 of the residence homesteads of volunteer firefighters and emergency 4 medical services volunteers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Section 1-b, Article VIII, Texas Constitution,
is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 <u>(j) The legislature by general law may exempt from ad</u> 9 valorem taxation \$5,000 of the assessed value of the residence 10 homestead of a person who serves as a volunteer firefighter or 11 <u>emergency medical services volunteer.</u>

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be 12 13 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. 14 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the "The constitutional amendment authorizing the proposition: 15 legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the 16 assessed value of the residence homesteads of volunteer 17 firefighters and emergency medical services volunteers." 18

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