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H.J.R. No. 141

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to provide property tax
2 abatement for home and business owners who install solar panels on
3 their homes or businesses.

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

5 SECTION 1-c, Article VIII of the Texas Constitution is added.
6 This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the
7 voters at an election to be held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall
8 be printed to permit [or "provide for"] voting for or against the
9 proposition: " The constitutional amendment shall allow the
10 legislature by general law to exempt property from ad valorem
11 taxation and business franchise taxes in the amount necessary to
12 pay for the installation of solar panels on said property. This tax
13 credit may be claimed until such purchase and installation costs
14 are extinguished or for a period no longer than five years from the
15 date the exemption is first claimed whichever comes first. Any
16 increase in appraised property value which arises as a result of the
17 installation or construction of such panels on the home or business
18 shall not be included for the purposes of determining the taxable
19 value of that property for five years after the exemption is first
20 claimed."