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S.B. No. 1151

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to increasing the maximum amount of the local option  
3 residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing  
4 unit from 20 percent to 30 percent.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 11.13(n), Tax Code, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 (n) In addition to any other exemptions provided by this  
9 section, an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation by  
10 a taxing unit of a percentage of the appraised value of the  
11 individual's [~~his~~] residence homestead if the exemption is adopted  
12 by the governing body of the taxing unit before July 1 in the manner  
13 provided by law for official action by the body. If the percentage  
14 set by the taxing unit produces an exemption in a tax year of less  
15 than \$5,000 when applied to a particular residence homestead, the  
16 individual is entitled to an exemption of \$5,000 of the appraised  
17 value. The percentage adopted by the taxing unit may not exceed 30  
18 [~~20~~] percent.

19 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed  
20 for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010, but only  
22 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st Legislature,  
23 Regular Session, 2009, to increase the maximum amount of the local  
24 option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a

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1 political subdivision from 20 percent to 30 percent is approved by  
2 the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this  
3 Act has no effect.