A JOINT RESOLUTION
proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature

to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad
valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value
of the property for the preceding tax year and to permit the voters
of a county to establish a higher limitation not to exceed 110
percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in
the county.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
amended by amending Subsection (i) and adding Subsections (i-1) and
(i-2) to read as follows:

(i) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b) of this
section, the Legislature by general law may limit the maximum
appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax
purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent market value
of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or
105 [110] percent, or a lesser [greater] percentage but not less
than 100 percent, of the appraised value of the residence homestead
for the preceding tax year. A limitation on appraised values
authorized by this subsection:

(1) takes effect as to a residence homestead on the
later of the effective date of the law imposing the limitation or
January 1 of the tax year following the first tax year the owner
qualifies the property for an exemption under Section 1-b of this
article; and

(2) expires on January 1 of the first tax year that neither the owner of the property when the limitation took effect nor the owner's spouse or surviving spouse qualifies for an exemption under Section 1-b of this article.

(i-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b) of this section, if the Legislature establishes a limitation on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead as authorized by Subsection (i) of this section, the commissioners court of a county may call an election in the county to permit the voters to determine by majority vote whether to establish for purposes of ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision in the county a percentage limitation on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in the county that is greater than the percentage established by the Legislature under Subsection (i) of this section but not more than 110 percent. The ballot proposition shall specify the proposed percentage limitation on maximum appraised value. If approved by the voters, the limitation applies beginning with the tax year following the year in which the election is held. A limitation on maximum appraised value established under this subsection takes effect as to a residence homestead on the later of January 1 of the tax year following the year in which the election is held or January 1 of the tax year following the first tax year the owner qualifies the property for an exemption under Section 1-b of this article. As to a residence homestead, the limitation expires on January 1 of the first tax year that neither the owner of the property when the limitation took effect nor the owner's spouse or surviving spouse
qualifies for an exemption under Section 1-b of this article. If
the voters of a county establish a limitation on maximum appraised
value under this subsection, the limitation remains in effect until
the tax year following a year in which the limitation is amended or
repealed by the voters of the county at a subsequent election called
by the commissioners court. The Legislature by general law may
limit the frequency with which elections authorized by this
subsection may be called in a county.

(i-2) The Legislature by general law may provide that a
limitation on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead
established under Subsection (i) or (i-1) of this section does not
apply to a new improvement to the residence homestead.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the
legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence
homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the
appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year and to
permit the voters of a county to establish a higher limitation not
to exceed 110 percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence
homestead in the county."