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S.J.R. No. 61

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option
2 exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the
3 value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health
4 care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment
5 from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from
6 this state or the federal government, to indigent residents of the
7 county.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 1-b, Article VIII, Texas Constitution,
10 is amended by adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

11 (r) The commissioners court of a county by official action
12 may exempt from ad valorem taxation by the county a percentage, not
13 to exceed 50 percent, of the assessed value of the residence
14 homestead of a licensed physician who provides health care services
15 for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source,
16 including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the
17 federal government, to indigent residents of the county. The
18 exemption is in addition to any other exemptions provided by this
19 section. The legislature by general law may impose additional
20 eligibility requirements for the exemption.

21 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
22 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
23 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
24 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local

1 option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion
2 of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides
3 health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek
4 payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or
5 otherwise from this state or the federal government, to indigent
6 residents of the county."