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H.B. No. 129

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study of property tax exemptions and other property
3 tax benefits for certain veterans and military service members and
4 their families.

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

6 SECTION 1. INTERIM COMMITTEE. (a) An interim committee is
7 established to study property tax exemptions and other property tax
8 benefits for partially disabled veterans or the surviving spouse of
9 a partially disabled veteran. The study may also review property
10 tax exemptions and benefits for other veterans and military service
11 members and their families.

12 (b) The committee is composed of:

13 (1) three persons appointed by the lieutenant
14 governor, at least one of whom is a military service member or
15 veteran;

16 (2) three persons appointed by the speaker of the
17 house of representatives, at least one of whom is a military service
18 member or veteran; and

19 (3) three persons appointed by the governor, at least
20 one of whom is a military service member or veteran.

21 SECTION 2. STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The committee
22 shall conduct a study and make recommendations regarding:

23 (1) the effect of property tax exemptions and other
24 property tax benefits for partially disabled veterans, the

1 surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran, military service
2 members and veterans and their families that are currently
3 authorized by law; and

4 (2) the need for other property tax exemptions and
5 other property tax benefits for partially disabled veterans,
6 surviving spouses of partially disabled veterans, military service
7 members and veterans and their families.

8 (b) In conducting the study, the committee shall consider
9 the effect of property tax exemptions and other property tax
10 benefits for partially disabled veterans or the surviving spouse of
11 a partially disabled veteran, military service members, veterans
12 and their families on the ability of political subdivisions of this
13 state to raise sufficient revenue to provide essential services.

14 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, the
15 committee shall report the results of the study and any
16 recommendations to the legislature.

17 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 1, 2019.

18 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
19 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
20 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
21 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
22 immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
23 last day of the legislative session.