

By: Middleton

H.B. No. 3127

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the maximum amount of the local option residence  
3 homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing unit.

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

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

7 (n) In addition to any other exemptions provided by this  
8 section, an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation by  
9 a taxing unit of a percentage of the appraised value of the  
10 individual's [~~his~~] residence homestead if the exemption is adopted  
11 by the governing body of the taxing unit before July 1 in the manner  
12 provided by law for official action by the body. If the percentage  
13 set by the taxing unit produces an exemption in a tax year of less  
14 than \$5,000 when applied to a particular residence homestead, the  
15 individual is entitled to an exemption of \$5,000 of the appraised  
16 value. The percentage adopted by the taxing unit may not exceed 100  
17 [~~20~~] percent.

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

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020, but only  
22 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,  
23 Regular Session, 2019, 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 is approved by the voters. If that amendment  
2 is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.