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H.B. No. 4139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit to  
3 adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of an individual's  
4 residence homestead.

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 or of a fixed dollar amount  
12 if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit  
13 before July 1 in the manner provided by law for official action by  
14 the body. If the percentage set by the taxing unit produces an  
15 exemption in a tax year of less than \$5,000, or of a greater dollar  
16 amount not to exceed \$25,000 adopted by the governing body before  
17 July 1 of that tax year in the manner provided by law for official  
18 action by the body, when applied to a particular residence  
19 homestead, the individual is entitled to an exemption of \$5,000 or,  
20 if applicable, of the greater dollar amount adopted by the  
21 governing body, of the appraised value. The percentage adopted by  
22 the taxing unit may not exceed 30 [~~20~~] percent.

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

1 Act.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020, but only  
3 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature,  
4 Regular Session, 2019, authorizing the governing body of a  
5 political subdivision that adopts an exemption from ad valorem  
6 taxation of a percentage of the market value of an individual's  
7 residence homestead to set the minimum dollar amount of the  
8 exemption to which an individual is entitled in a tax year is  
9 approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the  
10 voters, this Act has no effect.