

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a
3 portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a
4 disaster.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) The Legislature by general law may provide that a person
9 who owns property located in an area declared by the governor to be
10 a disaster area following a disaster is entitled to a temporary
11 exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision of a
12 portion of the appraised value of that property. The general law
13 may provide that if the governor first declares territory in the
14 political subdivision to be a disaster area as a result of a
15 disaster on or after the date the political subdivision adopts a tax
16 rate for the tax year in which the declaration is issued, a person
17 is entitled to the exemption authorized by this subsection for that
18 tax year only if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of
19 the political subdivision. The Legislature by general law may
20 prescribe the method of determining the amount of the exemption
21 authorized by this subsection and the duration of the exemption and
22 may provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
3 legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem
4 taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property
5 damaged by a disaster."

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 34 was passed by the House on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 34 on May 23, 2019, by a non-record vote and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 34 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.J.R. No. 34

I certify that H.J.R. No. 34 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 34 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State