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S.B. No. 1072

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit
3 that adopts an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of
4 the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead to set
5 the minimum dollar amount of the exemption to which an individual is
6 entitled in a tax year.

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

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

10 (n) In addition to any other exemptions provided by this
11 section, an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation by
12 a taxing unit of a percentage of the appraised value of the
13 individual's ~~[his]~~ residence homestead if the exemption is adopted
14 by the governing body of the taxing unit before July 1 in the manner
15 provided by law for official action by the body. If the percentage
16 set by the taxing unit produces an exemption in a tax year of less
17 than \$5,000, or of a greater dollar amount not to exceed \$25,000
18 adopted by the governing body before July 1 of that tax year in the
19 manner provided by law for official action by the body, when applied
20 to a particular residence homestead, the individual is entitled to
21 an exemption of \$5,000 or, if applicable, of the greater dollar
22 amount adopted by the governing body, of the appraised value. The
23 percentage adopted by the taxing unit may not exceed 20 percent.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed

1 for a tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this
2 Act.

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