By: West   S.B. No. 2362

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

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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.