By:  Huffman S.B. No. 1029

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nelson               X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Buckingham           X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Hancock              X

Huffman              X

Kolkhorst            X

Nichols              X

Perry                X

Schwertner           X

Taylor                         X

West                 X

Whitmire             X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain solar or wind-powered energy devices.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 11.27, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a)  A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the amount of appraised value of real [~~his~~] property owned by the person that arises from the installation or construction on the property of a solar or wind-powered energy device that is primarily for production and distribution of energy for on-site use.

(a-1)  A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of a solar or wind-powered energy device owned by the person that is installed or constructed on real property and is primarily for production and distribution of energy for on-site use regardless of whether the person owns the real property on which the device is installed or constructed.

SECTION 2.  The amendment made by this Act is a clarification of existing law and does not imply that existing law may be construed as inconsistent with the law as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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