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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school
3 district of a dollar amount or a percentage, whichever is greater,
4 of the appraised value of a residence homestead, a reduction of the
5 limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be
6 imposed by a school district on the homestead of a person who is
7 elderly or disabled to reflect any increase in the exemption
8 amount, and the protection of school districts against the
9 resulting loss in local revenue.

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

11 SECTION 1. Section 11.13(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (b) An adult is entitled to exemption from taxation by a
14 school district of \$25,000 of the appraised value of the adult's
15 residence homestead or 13 percent of the appraised value of the
16 adult's residence homestead, whichever is greater, except that only
17 \$5,000 of the exemption applies to an entity operating under former
18 Chapter 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, or 28, Education Code, as those chapters
19 existed on May 1, 1995, as permitted by Section 11.301, Education
20 Code.

21 SECTION 2. Section 11.26(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (a) The tax officials shall appraise the property to which
24 this section applies and calculate taxes as on other property, but

1 if the tax so calculated exceeds the limitation imposed by this
2 section, the tax imposed is the amount of the tax as limited by this
3 section, except as otherwise provided by this section. A school
4 district may not increase the total annual amount of ad valorem tax
5 it imposes on the residence homestead of an individual 65 years of
6 age or older or on the residence homestead of an individual who is
7 disabled, as defined by Section 11.13, above the amount of the tax
8 it imposed in the first tax year in which the individual qualified
9 that residence homestead for the applicable exemption provided by
10 Section 11.13(c) for an individual who is 65 years of age or older
11 or is disabled. If the individual qualified that residence
12 homestead for the exemption after the beginning of that first year
13 and the residence homestead remains eligible for the same exemption
14 for the next year, and if the school district taxes imposed on the
15 residence homestead in the next year are less than the amount of
16 taxes imposed in that first year, a school district may not
17 subsequently increase the total annual amount of ad valorem taxes
18 it imposes on the residence homestead above the amount it imposed in
19 the year immediately following the first year for which the
20 individual qualified that residence homestead for the same
21 exemption, except as provided by Subsection (b). If the first tax
22 year the individual qualified the residence homestead for the
23 exemption provided by Section 11.13(c) for individuals 65 years of
24 age or older or disabled was a tax year before the 2015 tax year, the
25 amount of the limitation provided by this section is the amount of
26 tax the school district imposed for the 2014 tax year less an amount
27 equal to the amount determined by multiplying \$10,000 times the tax

1 rate of the school district for the 2015 tax year, plus any 2015 tax
2 attributable to improvements made in 2014, other than improvements
3 made to comply with governmental regulations or repairs. If the
4 first tax year the individual qualified the residence homestead for
5 the exemption provided by Section 11.13(c) for individuals 65 years
6 of age or older or disabled was a tax year before the 2022 tax year
7 and the appraised value of the homestead for the 2022 tax year is
8 more than \$192,308, the amount of the limitation provided by this
9 section is the amount of tax the school district imposed for the
10 2021 tax year, less an amount equal to the amount computed by
11 subtracting \$25,000 from an amount equal to 13 percent of the
12 appraised value of the homestead for the 2022 tax year and
13 multiplying that amount by the tax rate of the school district for
14 the 2022 tax year, plus any 2022 tax attributable to improvements
15 made in 2021, other than improvements made to comply with
16 governmental regulations or repairs. Except as provided by
17 Subsection (b), a limitation on tax increases provided by this
18 section on a residence homestead computed under this subsection
19 continues to apply to the homestead in subsequent tax years until
20 the limitation expires.

21 SECTION 3. Section 46.071, Education Code, is amended by
22 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsections
23 (a-1), (b-1), and (c-1) to read as follows:

24 (a) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year and continuing
25 through the 2021-2022 school year, a school district is entitled to
26 additional state aid under this subchapter to the extent that state
27 and local revenue used to service debt eligible under this chapter

1 is less than the state and local revenue that would have been
2 available to the district under this chapter as it existed on
3 September 1, 2015, if the increase in the residence homestead
4 exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution,
5 and the additional limitation on tax increases under Section 1-b(d)
6 of that article as proposed by S.J.R. 1, 84th Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2015, had not occurred.

8 (a-1) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, a school
9 district is entitled to additional state aid under this subchapter
10 to the extent that state and local revenue used to service debt
11 eligible under this chapter is less than the state and local revenue
12 that would have been available to the district under this chapter as
13 it existed on September 1, 2021, if any increase in the residence
14 homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas
15 Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under
16 Section 1-b(d) of that article as proposed by the 87th Legislature,
17 Regular Session, 2021, had not occurred.

18 (b) Subject to Subsections (c), (d), and (e) [~~(c)-(e)~~],
19 additional state aid under this section through the 2021-2022
20 school year is equal to the amount by which the loss of local
21 interest and sinking revenue for debt service attributable to the
22 increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c),
23 Article VIII, Texas Constitution, and the additional limitation on
24 tax increases under Section 1-b(d) of that article as proposed by
25 S.J.R. 1, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is not offset by
26 a gain in state aid under this chapter.

27 (b-1) Subject to Subsections (c-1), (d), and (e),

1 additional state aid under this section beginning with the
2 2022-2023 school year is equal to the amount by which the loss of
3 local interest and sinking revenue for debt service attributable to
4 any increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section
5 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, and any additional
6 limitation on tax increases under Section 1-b(d) of that article as
7 proposed by the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is not
8 offset by a gain in state aid under this chapter.

9 (c) For the purpose of determining state aid under
10 Subsections (a) and (b) [~~this section~~], local interest and sinking
11 revenue for debt service is limited to revenue required to service
12 debt eligible under this chapter as of September 1, 2015, including
13 refunding of that debt, subject to Section 46.061. The limitation
14 imposed by Section 46.034(a) does not apply for the purpose of
15 determining state aid under this section.

16 (c-1) For the purpose of determining state aid under
17 Subsections (a-1) and (b-1), local interest and sinking revenue for
18 debt service is limited to revenue required to service debt
19 eligible under this chapter as of September 1, 2021, including
20 refunding of that debt, subject to Section 46.061. The limitation
21 imposed by Section 46.034(a) does not apply for the purpose of
22 determining state aid under this section.

23 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 48, Education Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 48.2541 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 48.2541. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
26 AND LIMITATION ON TAX INCREASES. (a) Beginning with the 2022-2023
27 school year, a school district is entitled to additional state aid

1 to the extent that state and local revenue under this chapter and
2 Chapter 49 is less than the state and local revenue that would have
3 been available to the district under this chapter and Chapter 49 as
4 those chapters existed on September 1, 2021, if any increase in the
5 residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII,
6 Texas Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases
7 under Section 1-b(d) of that article as proposed by the 87th
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, had not occurred.

9 (b) The lesser of the school district's currently adopted
10 maintenance and operations tax rate or the adopted maintenance and
11 operations tax rate for the 2021 tax year is used for the purpose of
12 determining additional state aid under Subsection (a).

13 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
14 11.13 and 11.26, Tax Code, apply only to an ad valorem tax year that
15 begins on or after January 1, 2022.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022, but only
17 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 87th Legislature,
18 Regular Session, 2021, providing for an exemption from ad valorem
19 taxation for public school purposes of \$25,000 or 13 percent,
20 whichever is greater, of the market value of a residence homestead
21 and providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount
22 of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the
23 homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any
24 increase in the exemption amount is approved by the voters. If that
25 constitutional amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act
26 has no effect.