By: Paxton S.J.R. No. 23

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
- 2 to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the
- 3 property of certain businesses that are required to close by an
- 4 order, proclamation, or other instrument issued by a state or local
- 5 official as a result of a disaster.
- 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by
- 8 adding Section 1-r to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 1-r. The legislature by general law may provide for a
- 10 credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on property necessary
- 11 for and used to operate a business that is required to close by an
- 12 order, proclamation, or other instrument issued by the governor,
- 13 <u>another official of this state</u>, or the governing body or an official
- 14 of a political subdivision of this state in response to a disaster.
- 15 The legislature may provide eligibility requirements for a credit
- 16 authorized by this section and may provide formulas for computing
- 17 the amount of the credit that a property owner may receive in a tax
- 18 <u>year.</u>
- 19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
- 20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
- 21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
- 22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
- 23 legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes
- 24 imposed on the property of certain businesses that are required to

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