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H.J.R. No. 154

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing  
2 body of a political subdivision to adopt an exemption from ad  
3 valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the  
4 market value of an individual's residence homestead and providing  
5 for the adjustment of the exemption amount in subsequent years to  
6 reflect inflation.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 1-b(e), Article VIII, Texas  
9 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

10 (e) The governing body of a political subdivision [~~other~~  
11 ~~than a county education district,~~] may exempt from ad valorem  
12 taxation a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, [percentage] of  
13 the market value of the residence homestead of a married or  
14 unmarried adult, including one living alone. For the 2026 tax year,  
15 the amount of the exemption may not exceed \$100,000. For each  
16 subsequent tax year, the comptroller of public accounts shall  
17 calculate the maximum amount of the exemption by multiplying the  
18 maximum amount of the exemption under this subsection for the  
19 preceding tax year by the inflation rate, as defined by general law,  
20 and adding that amount to the maximum amount of that exemption for  
21 the preceding tax year. [In the manner provided by law, the voters  
22 of a county education district at an election held for that purpose  
23 may exempt from ad valorem taxation a percentage of the market value  
24 of the residence homestead of a married or unmarried adult,

1 ~~including one living alone. The percentage may not exceed twenty~~  
2 ~~percent. However, the amount of an exemption authorized pursuant~~  
3 ~~to this subsection may not be less than \$5,000 unless the~~  
4 ~~legislature by general law prescribes other monetary restrictions~~  
5 ~~on the amount of the exemption.]~~ The legislature by general law may  
6 prohibit the governing body of a political subdivision that adopts  
7 an exemption under this subsection from reducing the amount of or  
8 repealing the exemption. An eligible adult is entitled to receive  
9 other applicable exemptions provided by law. Where ad valorem tax  
10 has previously been pledged for the payment of debt, the governing  
11 body of a political subdivision may continue to levy and collect the  
12 tax against the value of the homesteads exempted under this  
13 subsection until the debt is discharged if the cessation of the levy  
14 would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was  
15 created. The legislature by general law may prescribe procedures  
16 for the administration of residence homestead exemptions.

17 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to  
18 the Texas Constitution:

19 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies  
20 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature,  
21 Regular Session, 2025, authorizing the governing body of a  
22 political subdivision to adopt an exemption from ad valorem  
23 taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the market  
24 value of an individual's residence homestead and providing for the  
25 adjustment of the exemption amount in subsequent years to reflect  
26 inflation.

27 (b) The amendment to Section 1-b(e), Article VIII, of this

1 constitution takes effect beginning with the tax year that begins  
2 January 1, 2026.

3 (c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 2027.

4 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
5 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.  
6 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
7 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
8 governing body of a political subdivision to adopt an exemption  
9 from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount,  
10 of the market value of an individual's residence homestead and  
11 providing for the adjustment of the exemption amount in subsequent  
12 years to reflect inflation."