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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a one-time credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed by a political subdivision on the first property that a person purchases and qualifies as the person's residence homestead and to provide for the reimbursement of political subdivisions for the revenue loss incurred as a result of the credit.

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

SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 1-q to read as follows:

Sec. 1-q. (a) The legislature by general law may provide that a person who purchases a home is entitled to a one-time credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed by a political subdivision on the home in the first tax year in which the property qualifies as the person's residence homestead if the person has not previously qualified a property as the person's residence homestead. The amount of the credit may not exceed the lesser of:

(1) the amount computed by multiplying $3,000 by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of taxes imposed on the residence homestead by the political subdivision and the denominator of which is the total amount of taxes imposed on the residence homestead by all of the political subdivisions that impose taxes on the residence homestead; or

(2) one-half of the amount of taxes imposed by the political subdivision on the residence homestead.

(b) The legislature may prescribe additional eligibility requirements for receiving a credit under this section.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the legislature by general law may authorize the use of state money to reimburse a political subdivision for the revenue loss incurred by the political subdivision as a result of the tax credit authorized by this section and shall provide a procedure for distributing any money appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2027. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a one-time credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed by a political subdivision on the first property that a person purchases and qualifies as the person's residence homestead and to provide for the reimbursement of political subdivisions for the revenue loss incurred as a result of the credit."