
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HELM, HEFFLEY AND GOODMAN, APRIL 27, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 27, 2017

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special
3 provisions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of
8 Article XI:

9 That section 2(b) (vi) of Article VIII be amended to read:

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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12 (b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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14 (vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from
15 taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead
16 property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not
17 exceed [one-half of the median assessed value of all] 100% of

1 the assessed value of each homestead property within a local
2 taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing authority may not increase
3 the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for these
4 exclusions.

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6 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
7 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
8 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
9 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
10 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
11 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
12 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
13 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

14 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
15 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
16 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
17 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
18 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
19 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
20 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
21 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
22 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
23 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
24 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
25 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
26 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
27 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
28 passed by the General Assembly.