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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 12, 1989

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the establishment of
3 standards for exempting from taxation a portion of the market
4 value of real property.

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

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

9 That section 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a
10 clause to read:

11 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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

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15 (vi) Establish standards by which local taxing authorities
16 may exempt from taxation a portion of the market value of all
17 improved real property. Although applicable to all property
18 uses, this exemption shall be fixed at such an amount that the

1 aggregate reduction in the market values of residential property
2 in the jurisdiction does not exceed 35% of the total market
3 value of residential property in the jurisdiction.

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