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PHILLIPS AND HUTCHINSON, APRIL 19, 1995

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 17, 1995

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing the General Assembly to enact
3 legislation providing for homestead exemptions.

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 Article XI:

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

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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

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(vi) Establish separate classes of real property as subjects
of taxation exclusively for the purpose of ONE OR MORE OF THE
FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(A) providing for a dollar value or a percentage exemption
from the assessed value of real property used as a homestead;

(B) providing for a dollar value or a percentage exemption
from the actual real estate taxes levied on real property used
as a homestead;

(C) providing for tax credits based on a dollar value or a
percentage of the real estate taxes levied on real property used
as a homestead; or

(D) providing for credits or other special tax provisions
for persons who rent their homesteads to permit them to take
advantage of real estate tax reductions achieved through
exemption or credit.

The procedures established by the General Assembly shall include
a restriction that a local taxing jurisdiction shall not
increase the assessed value of real property or millage of its
tax on real estate for the purpose of offsetting revenue losses
resulting from the exemption or credit.

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

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this

1 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
2 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
3 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
4 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
5 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
6 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
7 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
8 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
9 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
10 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
11 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
12 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
13 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
14 Pennsylvania.