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PEIFER, DELUCA, EVANKOVICH AND MURT, JANUARY 16, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 16, 2013

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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

1 exceed [one-half of the median assessed value of all] 100% of  
2 the assessed value of each homestead property within a local  
3 taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing authority may not increase  
4 the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for these  
5 exclusions.

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

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