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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 28, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing an exclusion from taxation of a
3 portion of the assessed value of homestead property.

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

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3 (vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from
4 taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead
5 property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not
6 exceed one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead
7 property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing
8 authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real
9 property to pay for these exclusions.

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11 Section 2. Upon passage by the General Assembly of this
12 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
13 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
14 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
15 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
16 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
17 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
18 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
20 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
21 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
22 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
23 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
24 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania.