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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JULY 1, 2002

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for special tax provisions.

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

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

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

9 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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

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13 (vii) Provide that, subject to limitations established by
14 act of the General Assembly, the amount of the assessment of
15 residential real property shall not be increased due to any

1 improvements made to the property by the owner of the property
2 during the period the person owns the residence.

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

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