
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REICHLEY, OCTOBER 19, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 19, 2004

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the amount of the
3 homestead exclusion.

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)(vi) of Article VIII be amended 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 (vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from
14 taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead
15 property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not
16 exceed [one-half of] the median assessed value of all homestead
17 property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing

1 authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real
2 property to pay for these exclusions.

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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 which meets the
23 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
24 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
25 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
26 passed by the General Assembly.