THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 350

Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WONDERLING, EARLL, ORIE, O'PAKE, COSTA, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, LOGAN AND WAUGH, MARCH 12, 2007

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 12, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
- of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions from and
- 3 special provisions relating to taxation.
- 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 (1) That section 2 of Article VIII be amended by adding a
- 9 subsection to read:
- 10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.
- 11 * * *
- 12 (d) Any person who is a citizen and resident of this
- 13 Commonwealth and volunteers and serves at least 100 hours
- 14 annually for at least two years consecutively as a volunteer
- 15 <u>firefighter or emergency medical technician shall be exempt from</u>
- 16 the payment of 15% of any real property taxes imposed by a
- 17 political subdivision upon the residence occupied by that

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