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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 2, 2017

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

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14 (vii) Make special tax provisions that prohibit a school  
15 district from imposing a tax on real property that is classified  
16 as residential property.

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

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