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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 413 Session of  
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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 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.

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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 firefighter or emergency medical technician shall be exempt from  
16 the payment of 15% of any real property taxes imposed by a  
17 political subdivision upon the residence occupied by that  
18 person.

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.