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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 21, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 21, 2023

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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 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) Establish standards and qualifications to exempt a  
15 taxpayer from the payment of the portion of real property tax  
16 levied by a local taxing authority on the homestead property of  
17 the taxpayer that exceeds a percentage threshold amount of the

1 household income of the taxpayer.

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3 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
4 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

5 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
6 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
7 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
8 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
9 of Pennsylvania.

10 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
11 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
12 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
13 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
14 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
15 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
16 Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which  
17 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
18 Constitution of Pennsylvania.