THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, SANCHEZ, PROBST, DONAHUE, CERRATO, KINSEY, PIELLI, BRENNAN, O'NEAL, PARKER, MALAGARI, DALEY, KENYATTA, SHUSTERMAN, DELLOSO, BOROWSKI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, GREEN AND BOYD, JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 31, 2024

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special
- provisions relating to payment of real property taxes.
- 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(c) of Article VIII be amended to read:
- 9 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.
- 10 * * *
- 11 (c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served
- 12 in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was
- 13 engaged and were honorably discharged or released under
- 14 honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt
- 15 from the payment of all real property taxes upon the residence
- 16 occupied by the said citizens and residents of this Commonwealth
- 17 imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its

- 1 political subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they
- 2 are blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a
- 3 service-connected disability, whether a physical condition or
- 4 <u>mental condition</u>, declared by the United States Veterans
- 5 Administration or its successor to be a total or 100% permanent
- 6 disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission determines
- 7 that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions granted
- 8 herein. This exemption shall be extended to the unmarried
- 9 surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran provided
- 10 that the State Veterans' Commission determines that such person
- 11 is in need of the exemption.
- 12 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed
- 13 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:
- 14 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
- the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
- 16 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
- 17 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
- 18 of Pennsylvania.
- 19 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of
- the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
- 21 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
- requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
- of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
- 24 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
- Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which
- 26 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
- 27 Constitution of Pennsylvania.