HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION OF PART OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF A PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN OR THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERAN IF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD WAS DONATED TO THE DISABLED VETERAN BY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR LESS THAN THE MARKET VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD AND HARMONIZING CERTAIN RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION

H.J.R. No. 21

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1-b(l), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by H.J.R. 24, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(l) The legislature by general law may provide that a partially disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead that is equal to the percentage of disability of the disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization <u>for less than the market value of the residence homestead, including</u> at no cost to the disabled veteran. The legislature by general law may provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption. For purposes of this subsection, "partially disabled veteran" means a disabled veteran as described by Section 2(b) of this article who is certified as having a disability rating of less than 100 percent. A limitation or restriction on a disabled veteran's entitlement to an exemption under Section 2(b) of this article, or on the amount of an exemption under Section 2(b), does not apply to an exemption under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 1-b(l), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by H.J.R. 62, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is redesignated as Section 1-b(m), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to read as follows:

<u>(m)</u> [~~(l)~~] The legislature by general law may provide that the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the member of the armed services.

SECTION 3. Section 1-b(m), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is redesignated as Section 1-b(n), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, and amended to read as follows:

(n) [~~(m)~~] The legislature by general law may provide that a surviving spouse who qualifies for and receives an exemption in accordance with Subsection (m) [~~(l)~~] of this section and who subsequently qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the subsequently qualified homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the first homestead for which the exemption was received in accordance with Subsection (m) [~~(l)~~] of this section in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption in accordance with that subsection for that homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the member of the armed services.

SECTION 4. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Passed by the House on May 8, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 30, 2017.

PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO PERMIT CREDIT UNIONS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO AWARD PRIZES BY LOT TO PROMOTE SAVINGS

H.J.R. No. 37

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 47, Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(d-2) Subsection (a) of this section does not prohibit the legislature from authorizing credit unions and other financial institutions to conduct, under the terms and conditions imposed by general law, promotional activities to promote savings in which prizes are awarded to one or more of the credit union's or financial institution's depositors selected by lot.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

Passed by the House on May 3, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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