

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

During the 77th Legislative Session, the legislature created an exemption for travel trailers from ad valorem taxes except at the school district level. Upon adoption of the constitutional amendment in November 2001, it became apparent that what was thought to be an exemption was actually adding individuals to the tax roles. As proposed, S.J.R. 25 requires the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1(d), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 1(j), Article VIII, Texas Constitution (Certain Tangible Personal Property Exempt from Ad Valorem Taxation.)

SECTION 3. Amends Section 1, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, by adding Subsection (i-1), as follows:

(i-1) TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) Provides that this temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a travel trailer not held or used for the production of income and expires January 1, 2005.

(b) Provides that the amendment to Section 1(d), Article VIII, of this constitution, takes effect January 1, 2004, and applies only to a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2002. Provides that the repeal of Section 1(j), Article VIII, of this constitution, takes effect January 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. Requires this proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003. Requires the ballot to be printed to permit voting for or against a certain proposition.