

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION HJR1020

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 8E to Article X; prohibiting increase in ad valorem taxes on homestead and household personal property of disabled veterans; providing for method of computing disability; providing for treatment of homestead property on or after certain date; providing ballot title; directing filing; and providing for a special election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new Section 8E to Article X thereof, to read as follows:

A. Despite any provision of the Oklahoma Constitution to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2004, the amount of ad valorem taxes, as determined by law, on each homestead and on the household personal property of an individual head of household who is a veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces and who, as of such date or any ensuing January 1 date, has been evaluated as having at least a fifty percent (50%) disability under the standards of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, shall not be increased.

B. For any homestead property acquired on or after January 1, 2004, by an individual that would otherwise qualify for the

provisions of subsection A of this section for homestead property owned by such person prior to January 1, 2004, the amount of ad valorem taxes levied upon homestead property acquired on or after January 1, 2004, shall not increase from the amount determined for the first assessment year during which the homestead status of the property was established.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It would add a new Section 8E to Article 10. It would provide property tax relief to disabled veterans. Only veterans having a 50% or greater disability would qualify. If the veteran qualifies, the property taxes on that veteran's homestead could not increase. Property tax on the disabled veteran's household personal property could not increase. If a disabled veteran purchased a homestead for the first time on or after January 1, 2004, the property tax on that property could not increase after the first year that the veteran paid property tax on the homestead.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this resolution, shall prepare and file one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney General.

SECTION 4. A special election is hereby ordered to be held throughout the State of Oklahoma on the date of September 23, 2003,

at which time the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution, shall be submitted to the people of Oklahoma for their approval or rejection as and in the manner provided by law.

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