

ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 60

By: Bass of the Senate

and

Dorman of the House

[constitutional amendment - providing homestead
exemption - ballot title -

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH 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 Section 8E of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma to read as follows:

A. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2006, each head of household who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor to have a one hundred percent (100%) permanent disability sustained through military action or accident or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service or the surviving spouse of such head of household shall be entitled to claim an exemption for the full amount of the fair cash value of the homestead.

B. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2007, each head of household who has been honorably discharged from active military service and who has been certified by the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard to have served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations during a period of war shall be entitled to claim an exemption equal to

fifteen percent (15%) of the fair cash value of the homestead, not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). For purposes of this subsection, "period of war" means the Spanish-American War; the Mexican border period; World War I; World War II; the hostilities known as the Korean War, which commenced June 27, 1950, and ended January 31, 1955; the hostilities known as the Vietnam War, which commenced December 22, 1961, and ended May 7, 1975; the hostilities known as the Persian Gulf Conflict, which commenced August 2, 1990; and the hostilities known as the war on terrorism, including the hostilities in Afghanistan and Iraq, which commenced September 11, 2001.

C. In order to be eligible for the exemption authorized by this section, the individual shall be required to prove residency within the State of Oklahoma and must have previously qualified for the homestead exemption authorized by law or be eligible for the homestead exemption pursuant to law.

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 amends Section 8E in Article 10. Homesteads are taxed for property tax purposes. This measure would create an exemption from that tax. The exemption would be for certain veterans who have served during a period of war. The exemption would be for fifteen percent of the fair cash value of the homestead. That amount could not be more than fifteen thousand dollars. A "period of war" is defined as the Spanish-American War, the Mexican border period and World Wars I and II. "Period of war" also includes hostilities in certain parts of the world. It includes certain

time periods in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq.

SHALL THIS AMENDMENT BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE?

YES, FOR THE AMENDMENT

NO, AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, immediately after the passage of this resolution, 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.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives