THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Committee Substitute for

House Bill No. 1808

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1808 - By: TERRILL of the House and MAZZEI of the Senate.

(amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma - exemption for household personal property for certain disabled veterans - enabling legislation - ballot title –
directing filing)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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 8D to Article X thereof, to read as follows:

Section 8D. A. Despite any provision to the contrary, beginning January 1, 2009, 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 all household personal property which is subject to ad valorem taxation and which is not subject to any form of taxation in lieu of ad valorem taxation.

B. 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.

C. The Legislature shall be authorized to enact such laws as may be necessary in order to implement the exemption provided by this section; however, the exemption amount shall not be subject to modification by such enactments and shall be for the full amount of the valuation of any household personal property as otherwise prescribed by this section.

SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this act 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 8D to Article 10. It would provide an exemption for personal property tax. The exemption would be for household personal property. The exemption would be provided to disabled veterans. Only disabled veterans who have a one-hundred-percent disability would qualify. The disabled veteran would be required to be an Oklahoma resident. Laws could be passed to implement the exemption. The exemption amount would always be for the full value of any household personal

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property. The amount of the exemption could not be changed by laws that the Legislature passes.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES _____

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO _____

SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, immediately after the passage of this act, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 03-05-07 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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