

EHB 3354

1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Thursday, April 3, 2008

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Bill No. 3354

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6 of the Senate.

7 An Act directing the Secretary of State to refer to the  
8 people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment  
9 to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma by adding a new  
10 Section 22A to Article X; prohibiting applications for  
11 exemption from ad valorem taxation prior to certain filing;  
12 authorizing laws for purposes of implementation; providing  
13 ballot title; and directing filing.

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

15 SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for  
16 their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law,  
17 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of  
18 Oklahoma by adding a new Section 22A to Article X thereof, to read  
19 as follows:

20 Section 22A. No person, firm, corporation or other legal entity  
21 shall be allowed to file for any ad valorem tax exemption provided  
22 for in Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, for any year or years  
23 prior to the person, firm, corporation or legal entity filing their  
24 original application for said exemption with the county assessor.  
25 Eligibility for the applicable exemption shall be established as  
26 required by law. The Legislature may pass any additional laws that  
27 may be required to implement the provisions of this section.

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

4 BALLOT TITLE  
5 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

6 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

7 This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It would add a  
8 new Section 22A to Article 10. This section is related to the  
9 property tax system. There are certain types of exemptions from  
10 property tax. A person or a business might be required to file  
11 an application for an exemption. This section would require a  
12 person or a business to file an application the first time in  
13 order to have an exemption. A person or a business could not  
14 file an application late to obtain an exemption for a prior tax  
15 year. The Legislature would be given the authority to write  
16 laws to implement the provisions of this section.

17 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

18 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

19 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

20 SECTION 3. The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
21 immediately after the passage of this act, shall prepare and file  
22 one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2

1 hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney  
2 General.  
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 4-1-08 - DO PASS.