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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2009**

**ENGROSSED**

**House Joint**

**Resolution No. 1029**

**As Amended**

ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1029 - By: Scott, Derby,  
Nelson, Duncan, Kern, Cannaday, Proctor, Tibbs, Hoskin, Reynolds and  
Ritze of the House and Brogdon of the Senate.

[ Joint Resolution - proposed amendment - adding a new  
Section 8F to Article X - ad valorem tax exemption for  
disabled troopers - ballot title - directing filing ]

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND 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 8F to Article X thereof, to read as  
follows:

Section 8F. A. Despite any provision to the contrary,  
beginning January 1, 2010, each head of household who has been a  
Trooper with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and who has either been  
certified by the United States Social Security Administration to be  
one hundred percent (100%) disabled or would be certified by the  
applicable test of the United States Social Security Administration

1 to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled and whose disability was  
2 sustained in action or an accident while working in an official  
3 capacity as a Trooper or resulting from disease contracted while in  
4 such capacity or the surviving spouse of such head of household **if**  
5 **the head of household is deceased and the spouse has not remarried**  
6 shall be entitled to claim an exemption for the full amount of the  
7 fair cash value of the homestead.

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

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

16 BALLOT TITLE  
17 Legislative Referendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ State Question No. \_\_\_\_\_

18 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

19 This measure adds a new section 8F to Article 10 of the  
20 Constitution. It creates a homestead property tax exemption for  
21 disabled Highway Patrol Troopers. In order to qualify the  
22 trooper must be injured in the line of duty as a trooper.

23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 3-24-09 - DO PASS,  
9 As Amended and Coauthored.