

(This Joint Resolution No. 1 was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1996 as Joint Resolution No. 3 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1997 and was approved by the electorate on November 4, 1997.)

No. 1997-1

A JOINT RESOLUTION

SB 65

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an exclusion from taxation of a portion of the assessed value of homestead property.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a clause to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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(vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not exceed one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for these exclusions.

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Section 2. Upon passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election occurring at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.