
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 284 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY JUBELIRER, HART, DAWIDA, GERLACH, BRIGHTBILL,
SHAFFER, SALVATORE, LEMMOND, PETERSON, PUNT, PORTERFIELD,
BAKER, HELFRICK, HECKLER, LAVALLE, MOWERY, SHUMAKER, O'PAKE,
BELL, GREENLEAF AND TOMLINSON, JANUARY 24, 1995

SENATOR HART, FINANCE, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 3, 1995

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing an exclusion from taxation of
3 either a portion of the assessed value of homestead property
4 or a portion of the assessed value of all real property.

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

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

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

11 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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13 (b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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15 (vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from
16 taxation either an amount based on the assessed value of
17 homestead property or an amount based on the assessed value of

1 all real property LOCATED WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION. THE <—
2 EXCLUSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS CLAUSE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE-HALF
3 OF THE MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL HOMESTEAD PROPERTY WITHIN A
4 LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTION. A local taxing authority may not
5 increase the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for
6 either of these exclusions.

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8 SECTION 2. (A) UPON THE FIRST PASSAGE BY THE GENERAL <—
9 ASSEMBLY OF THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, THE
10 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO
11 COMPLY WITH THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE
12 XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND SHALL TRANSMIT THE
13 REQUIRED ADVERTISEMENTS TO TWO NEWSPAPERS IN EVERY COUNTY IN
14 WHICH SUCH NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHED IN SUFFICIENT TIME AFTER
15 PASSAGE OF THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

16 (B) UPON THE SECOND PASSAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS
17 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, THE SECRETARY OF THE
18 COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO COMPLY WITH THE
19 ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE
20 CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND SHALL TRANSMIT THE REQUIRED
21 ADVERTISEMENTS TO TWO NEWSPAPERS IN EVERY COUNTY IN WHICH SUCH
22 NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHED IN SUFFICIENT TIME AFTER PASSAGE OF
23 THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. THE SECRETARY OF THE
24 COMMONWEALTH SHALL SUBMIT THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
25 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AT THE FIRST
26 PRIMARY, GENERAL OR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCCURRING AT LEAST THREE
27 MONTHS AFTER THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS PASSED BY
28 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AND IS IN
29 CONFORMANCE WITH SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
30 PENNSYLVANIA.