

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 65

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INTRODUCED BY JUBELIRER, HART, GERLACH, BRIGHTBILL, SALVATORE, CORMAN, PUNT, MOWERY, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, MELLOW, BELL, TOMLINSON, PICCOLA, HECKLER, THOMPSON, BODACK, HELFRICK, MADIGAN, DELP, WHITE, WILLIAMS, MURPHY, SCHWARTZ, AFFLERBACH, KUKOVICH, COSTA, WOZNIAK, HOLL, MUSTO AND KASUNIC, JANUARY 31, 1997

REFERRED TO FINANCE, JANUARY 31, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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

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14 (vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from
15 taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead
16 property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not

1 exceed one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead
2 property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing
3 authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real
4 property to pay for these exclusions.

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