A JOINT RESOLUTION

HB 144

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, exempting totally and permanently disabled veterans from payment of real property taxes in certain cases.

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

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

That subsection (c) of section 2, Article VIII be amended to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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(c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged and were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt from the payment of all real property taxes upon the residence occupied by the said citizens and residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its political subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they are blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100% permanent disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission determines that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions granted herein.

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth, at the primary, municipal, or general election next held after the advertising requirements of Article XI, section 1, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.