

REFERENCE TITLE: property tax; primary residences; exemptions

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Introduced by
Representative Livingston

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the Senate concurring:
3 1. Article IX, section 2, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to
4 be amended as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the
5 Governor:
6 2. Property subject to taxation; exemptions
7 Section 2. A. All property in this state that is not
8 exempt under the laws of the United States or under this
9 section is subject to taxation as provided by law.
10 B. Property that has been conveyed to evade taxation is
11 not exempt.
12 C. The following property is exempt from taxation:
13 1. All federal, state, county and municipal property.
14 2. Public debts, as evidenced by the bonds of this
15 state and its counties, municipalities and other political
16 subdivisions.
17 3. Household goods that are owned by the user of the
18 goods and that are used solely for noncommercial purposes.
19 4. Stocks of raw or finished materials, unassembled
20 parts, works in process or finished products constituting the
21 inventory of a retailer or wholesaler that is located in this
22 state and principally engaged in the resale of the materials,
23 parts, works or products, whether or not for resale to the
24 ultimate consumer.
25 D. Subsection C of this section is self-executing, and
26 persons who are entitled to the exemption are not required to
27 take any affirmative action to receive the benefit of the
28 exemption.
29 E. The legislature may exempt the following property by
30 law:
31 1. The property of an educational, charitable or
32 religious association or institution that is not used or held
33 for profit.
34 2. Personal property that is used in a trade or
35 business or for agricultural purposes.
36 3. Cemeteries that are set apart and used to inter
37 deceased human beings.
38 4. The property of a widow or widower who is a resident
39 of this state.
40 5. The property of a resident of this state who is at
41 least eighteen years of age and who has a medically certified
42 total and permanent disability.
43 6. The property of an honorably discharged veteran of
44 the uniformed services of the United States who is a resident
45 of this state and who has a service or nonservice connected

1 disability as determined by the United States department of
2 veterans affairs, or its successor agency.

3 7. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY AT LEAST ONE
4 PERSON WHO IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE UNIFORMED
5 SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE
6 AND WHO HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING BY THE
7 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR
8 AGENCY, OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.

9 8. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY AT LEAST ONE
10 PERSON WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO IS A
11 RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THE THREE TAX YEARS
12 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS
13 CLAIMED, WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO
14 OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS THE PERSON'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

15 F. The legislature may determine by law the
16 qualifications for, and the amount of, the exemptions of
17 property described in subsection E of this section.

18 G. A person is not eligible for exemption under more
19 than one category as a widow, widower, person with a total and
20 permanent disability or veteran with a disability under
21 subsection E, paragraph 4, 5 or 6 of this section.

22 2. Applicability

23 This act applies to tax years beginning from and after December 31,
24 2026.

25 3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
26 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,
27 Constitution of Arizona.