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H. J. R. No. 6

Representatives Fischer, Lear

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article XII of the	1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to limit property	2
taxes, whether voted or unvoted, to one and one-	3
quarter per cent or, for certain owner-occupied homes,	4
one per cent of real property's true value.	5
Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of	6
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house	7
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors	8
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the special	9
election to be held on May 5, 2026, a proposal to amend Section	10
2 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to	11
read as follows:	12
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ARTICLE XII	13
Section 2. No property, taxed according to value, shall be	14
so taxed in excess of one per cent of its true value in money	15
for all state and local purposes, but laws may be passed	16
authorizing additional taxes to be levied outside of such	17
limitation, either when approved by at least a majority of the	18
electors of the taxing district voting on such proposition, or	19

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when provided for by the charter of a municipal corporation.	20
However, those laws shall not cause land and improvements	21
thereon to be taxed in excess of one and one-quarter per cent of	22
its true value in money or, in the case of a dwelling owned and	23
occupied by a resident sixty-five years of age and older for at	24
least five continuous years, one per cent of its true value in	25
money. Land and improvements thereon shall be taxed by uniform	26
rule according to value, except that laws may be passed to	27
reduce taxes by providing for a reduction in value of the	28
homestead of permanently and totally disabled residents,	29
residents sixty-five years of age and older, and residents sixty	30
years of age or older who are surviving spouses of deceased	31
residents who were sixty-five years of age or older or	32
permanently and totally disabled and receiving a reduction in	33
the value of their homestead at the time of death, provided the	34
surviving spouse continues to reside in a qualifying homestead,	35
and providing for income and other qualifications to obtain such	36
reduction. Without limiting the general power, subject to the	37
provisions of Article I of this constitution, to determine the	38
subjects and methods of taxation or exemptions therefrom,	39
general laws may be passed to exempt burying grounds, public	40
school houses, houses used exclusively for public worship,	41
institutions used exclusively for charitable purposes, and	42
public property used exclusively for any public purpose, but all	43
such laws shall be subject to alteration or repeal; and the	44
value of all property so exempted shall, from time to time, be	45
ascertained and published as may be directed by law.	46
EFFECTIVE DATE	47
If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this	48
proposal, Section 2 of Article XII amended by this proposal	49
shall take effect on January 1, 2027, and the existing version	50

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of Section 2 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of	51
Ohio shall be repealed effective January 1, 2027.	52