

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HJR 169 — Additional Homestead Tax Exemption for Seniors

by Finance and Tax Committee and Rep. Oliva and others (SJR 1740 by Senators Garcia and Diaz de la Portilla)

This joint resolution provides for a proposed constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot at the November 2012 general election. The proposed amendment to Art. VII, s. 6, State Constitution, would authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption for certain low income seniors. The exemption would be equal to the assessed value of the property with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. To qualify, a person must have maintained permanent residence on the property for not less than twenty five years, must be at least sixty-five years of age and must have a household income less than \$20,000.

These provisions shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election in November 2012 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0