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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: FAV 04/07/2009

The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Rich) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (937944) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 88 - 98

and insert:

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(f) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who received imminent-danger pay while deployed in support of



military operations on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii during the preceding calendar year shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person received imminentdanger pay divided by the number of days in that year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6

DISABLED VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT; HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR MEMBERS OF MILITARY RECEIVING IMMINENT-DANGER PAY.—The State Constitution provides a property tax discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury and provides to certain persons an exemption, up to a specified value, of the person's homestead from taxation. This proposed amendment expands the availability of the property tax discount to veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury, but who were not Florida residents when they entered the military, and authorizes the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption for members of the United States military who are deployed overseas and receive imminentdanger pay.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 6

and insert:



41 when they entered the military and to provide an additional homestead exemption to certain persons. 42