

Committee: Retirement and Aging

RESOLUTION
Freeze Senior Homestead Taxes

A RESOLUTION TO: Freeze all taxes on homestead's of seniors 65 years or older.

WHEREAS, Increasing evaluations and tax rates are creating undue burdens upon senior citizens who live on fixed retirement annuities and social security; and

WHEREAS, Many seniors are having financial difficulties paying for drugs, food, utilities, and other necessities while many are unable to remain in their own homes due to the increasing tax burden; and

WHEREAS, Texas Tax Code Chapter 11, section 11.26, paragraph (a) of the Title 1, Property Tax Code of the Texas Tax Code provides for the freezing of School Taxes on Homesteads of Senior Texans (age 65 and over); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature request the 78th Texas Legislature take action to amend Chapter 11.26, paragraph (a) of the Title 1, Property Tax Code, of the Texas Tax Code to replace the phrase "school district" with a new phrase "all taxing entities" and insert any additional paragraph(s) or sentences(s) needed to implement this change.

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002, by the Retirement & Aging Committee.

Thomas V. Perkins, Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 18, 2002, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary