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2 EJRRT22-1

3 By Senator Woods (Constitutional Amendment)

4 RFD: Local Legislation

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4 SYNOPSIS:

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Fayette County, to authorize a qualified taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property tax exemption for real property owned in the county under certain conditions.

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A BILL

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AN ACT

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17 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
18 of 2022, relating to Fayette County, to authorize a qualified
19 taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property
20 tax exemption for real property owned in the county under
21 certain conditions.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution
24 of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

25 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

26 (a) In Fayette County, an individual 65 years of age or
27 older may claim a senior property tax exemption for ad valorem
28 tax purposes on real property located in the county which is

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29 owned by the individual, classified as single-family
30 owner-occupied residential property, and used as the principal
31 place of residence of the individual for not less than five
32 years immediately prior to the tax year for which the
33 individual first claims the senior property tax exemption. The
34 senior property tax exemption shall freeze the assessed value
35 of the property for the year immediately prior to claiming the
36 exemption.

37 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the
38 individual claiming the senior property tax exemption:

39 (1) The taxpayer shall continue to receive the senior
40 property tax exemption as long as the taxpayer continues to
41 use the property as his or her principal place of residence.

42 (2) The individual shall continue to be eligible to
43 claim a homestead exemption and any other exemption authorized
44 by law on the property.

45 (3) The property shall continue to be subject to any
46 millage rate changes on the property.

47 (4) The assessed value of any additions to the property
48 after claiming the senior property tax exemption shall be
49 added to the assessed value of the property and subject to ad
50 valorem tax based on the increase in the assessed value of the
51 addition after the taxpayer claims the senior property tax
52 exemption.

53 (5) This exemption may be claimed beginning October 1,
54 2027.

55 (6) This exemption must be claimed in writing with the
56 Fayette County Revenue Commissioner between October 1 and



57 December 31.

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions: change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize language; and translate effective dates.

67 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

68 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
69 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285
70 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws
71 of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign
72 a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on
73 the election ballot and shall set forth the following
74 description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed
75 constitutional amendment:

76 "Relating to Fayette County, proposing an amendment to
77 the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize a qualified
78 taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property
79 tax exemption for real property under certain conditions.

80 Proposed by Act ."

81 This description shall be followed by the following
82 language:

83 "Yes () No () ."

84 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as

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85 part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved by
86 a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.