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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (704084) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 88 - 98  
5 and insert:

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



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

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

21 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

22 ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6

23 DISABLED VETERAN'S PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT; HOMESTEAD  
24 EXEMPTION FOR MEMBERS OF MILITARY RECEIVING HOSTILE-FIRE PAY.-  
25 The State Constitution provides a property tax discount on the  
26 homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a  
27 combat injury and provides to certain persons an exemption, up  
28 to a specified value, of the person's homestead from taxation.  
29 This proposed amendment expands the availability of the property  
30 tax discount to veterans who became disabled as the result of a  
31 combat injury, but who were not Florida residents when they  
32 entered the military, and authorizes the Legislature to provide  
33 an additional homestead exemption for members of the United  
34 States military who are deployed overseas and receive hostile-  
35 fire pay.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 6

40 and insert:



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