

HOUSE AMENDMENT
Bill No. CS/CS/HJR 203 (2026)

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative Bartleman offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with schedule, ballot and title amendments)**

4 Remove lines 181-190 and insert:

5 SECTION 7. Funding requirements.—Beginning with the 2027-
6 2028 local fiscal year:

7 (a) The total funding provided by each local government
8 for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, and
9 other first responders, as provided by general law, may not be
10 less than such jurisdiction's total budgeted amount for such
11 services in either the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 local fiscal year,
12 whichever was higher, notwithstanding any reduction in ad

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13 valorem revenue that may result from the amendment to Article
14 VII approved by voters on November 3, 2026.

15 (b) Local governments will receive a transfer of funds
16 from general revenue in an amount equal to the amount such local
17 government would have received but for the amendment to Article
18 VII approved by voters on November 3, 2026. This transfer is
19 automatic and does not require authorization by the legislature
20 or the executive branch.

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23 **S C H E D U L E A M E N D M E N T**

24 Remove lines 195-203 and insert:

25 valorem taxes other than school levies; local government funding
26 requirements.—This section, the amendment to Section 6 of
27 Article VII increasing the exemption for homestead property from
28 ad valorem taxes other than school levies by \$100,000 each year
29 for ten years and making homestead property exempt from ad
30 valorem taxes other than school levies beginning January 1,
31 2037, and the creation of Section 7 of Article VIII prohibiting
32 local governments from reducing first responder funding below a
33 specified level and requiring a transfer of funds to replace
34 certain reductions in ad valorem revenue shall take effect
35 January 1,

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39 **B A L L O T A M E N D M E N T**

40 Remove lines 212-220 and insert:

41 REDUCTION OF HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAXES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT
42 FUNDING REQUIREMENT.—Beginning January 1, 2027, non-school
43 homestead property taxes are reduced by annually increasing the
44 homestead exemption by \$100,000 each year for ten years, then
45 making such properties fully exempt from non-school property
46 taxes beginning January 1, 2037. Local governments are
47 prohibited from reducing first responder funding below the
48 amount budgeted in local fiscal year 2025-2026 or 2026-2027,
49 whichever was greater. Revenue lost as a result of the amendment
50 will be transferred to local governments.

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53 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

54 Remove line 13 and insert:

55 firefighters, and other first responders, to require
56 the transfer of funds to replace certain tax revenue,
57 and provide

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