

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

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative Woodson 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) The legislature shall create a fund to replace any
16 reduction in ad valorem revenue that a local government
17 experiences as a result of the amendment to Article VII approved
18 by voters on November 3, 2026.

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

23 Remove lines 195-203 and insert:

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

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

39 Remove lines 212-220 and insert:

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

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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 the
56 legislature to create a fund to replace certain tax revenue, and

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