

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HJR 209 (2026)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED ☐ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED ☐ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION ☐ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT ☐ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN ☐ (Y/N)

OTHER ☐

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee
Representative Busatta offered the following:

Amendment (with ballot and title amendments)

Remove lines 175-195 and insert:

SECTION 7. Prohibition of reductions in local first responder funding.—Beginning with the 2027-2028 local fiscal year, the total funding provided by each local government for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders, as provided by general law, may not be less than such jurisdiction's total budgeted amount for such services in either the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 local fiscal year, whichever was higher, notwithstanding any reduction in ad valorem revenue that may result from the amendment to Article VII approved by voters on November 3, 2026.

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ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Increase to homestead property exemption from all ad valorem taxes other than school levies; prohibition of first responder funding reductions.—This section, the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII increasing the exemption for homestead property from ad valorem taxes other than school levies by \$200,000 if such property is subject to a comprehensive multiperil insurance policy, and the creation of Section 7 of Article VIII prohibiting local governments from reducing first responder funding below a specified level shall

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

Remove lines 205-211 and insert:
CERTAIN PROPERTIES; FIRST RESPONDER FUNDING REQUIREMENT.—
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2027, to increase the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies by \$200,000 for properties with comprehensive multiperil property insurance and to prohibit local governments from reducing first responder funding below the amount budgeted

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42 Remove lines 8-9 and insert:
43 properties, to prohibit local governments from
44 reducing total funding for services provided by law
45 enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders,
46 and