



Finance and Tax Committee

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

10:45 a.m.

Morris Hall

ACTION PACKET

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Finance & Tax Committee

1/17/2012 10:45:00AM

Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

Summary:

Finance & Tax Committee

Tuesday January 17, 2012 10:45 am

HJR 55	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 22	Nays: 0
HJR 93	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 23	Nays: 0
HB 95	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 24	Nays: 0
CS/HB 107	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 22	Nays: 0

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Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Stephen Precourt (Chair)	X		
Joseph Abruzzo	X		
Larry Ahern	X		
Ben Albritton	X		
Lori Berman	X		
Douglas Broxson	X		
Matthew Caldwell	X		
Fredrick Costello	X		
Jose Diaz	X		
Reggie Fullwood	X		
James Grant	X		
John Julien	X		
Debbie Mayfield	X		
George Moraitis, Jr.	X		
Scott Randolph	X		
Lake Ray	X		
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X		
Hazelle Rogers	X		
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X		
W. Gregory Steube	X		
Perry Thurston, Jr.	X		
Charles Van Zant	X		
Michael Weinstein	X		
Ritch Workman	X		
Totals:	24	0	0

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HJR 55 : Homestead Assessment Limitation/Senior Citizens

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Larry Ahern	X				
Ben Albritton	X				
Lori Berman	X				
Douglas Broxson	X				
Matthew Caldwell	X				
Fredrick Costello	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
Reggie Fullwood				X	
James Grant	X				
John Julien	X				
Debbie Mayfield	X				
George Moraitis, Jr.	X				
Scott Randolph	X				
Lake Ray	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Hazelle Rogers	X				
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X				
W. Gregory Steube	X				
Perry Thurston, Jr.				X	
Charles Van Zant	X				
Michael Weinstein	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
Stephen Precourt (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 22		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

McCarty, Jess (Lobbyist) - Proponent
 Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County
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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HJR 55 (2012)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	X	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Finance & Tax Committee
 2 Representative Nufiez offered the following:

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Amendment (with ballot amendment)

Remove lines 54-55 and insert:

property is equal to or less than one hundred

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Remove lines 219-234 and insert:

age or older and who has a low household income as defined by
 general law. This proposed amendment to the State Constitution
 authorizes counties and municipalities to limit the assessments
 of the homesteads of persons receiving such additional exemption
 to the assessed value of the property in the prior year if the
 just value of the property is equal to or less than 150 percent
 of the average just value of homestead property in the

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HJR 93 : Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Larry Ahern	X				
Ben Albritton	X				
Lori Berman	X				
Douglas Broxson	X				
Matthew Caldwell	X				
Fredrick Costello	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
Reggie Fullwood	X				
James Grant	X				
John Julien	X				
Debbie Mayfield	X				
George Moraitis, Jr.	X				
Scott Randolph	X				
Lake Ray	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Hazelle Rogers	X				
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X				
W. Gregory Steube	X				
Perry Thurston, Jr.				X	
Charles Van Zant	X				
Michael Weinstein	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
Stephen Precourt (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 23		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Jim Tolley (Lobbyist) - Proponent
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 Tallahassee FL 32303

Puckett, Matthew (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
 Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc
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Pitts, Brian - Opponent
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HJR 93 : Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder (continued)

Appearances: (continued)

Christian, Amy (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support

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Henning, Lisa (Lobbyist) - Proponent

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Relinda Broom - Proponent

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William High - Proponent

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	X	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Finance & Tax Committee
2 Representative Harrison offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with directory, ballot and title amendments)**

5 Between lines 107 and 108, insert:

6 ARTICLE XII

7 SCHEDULE

8 SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of
9 veterans who died from service-connected causes and first
10 responders who died in the line of duty.—This section and the
11 amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature
12 to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of
13 veterans who died from service-connected causes and first
14 responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect
15 January 1, 2013.

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Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

HB 95 : Homestead Property Tax Exemptions

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Larry Ahern	X				
Ben Albritton	X				
Lori Berman	X				
Douglas Broxson	X				
Matthew Caldwell	X				
Fredrick Costello	X				
Jose Diaz	X				
Reggie Fullwood	X				
James Grant	X				
John Julien	X				
Debbie Mayfield	X				
George Moraitis, Jr.	X				
Scott Randolph	X				
Lake Ray	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Hazelle Rogers	X				
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X				
W. Gregory Steube	X				
Perry Thurston, Jr.	X				
Charles Van Zant	X				
Michael Weinstein	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
Stephen Precourt (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 24		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

Roberts, Cynthia (At Request Of Chair) (General Public) - Proponent
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Pitts, Brian - Opponent
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HB 95 : Homestead Property Tax Exemptions (continued)

Appearances: (continued)

Henning, Lisa (Lobbyist) - Proponent

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Relinda Broom - Proponent

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Puckett, Matthew (Lobbyist) - Proponent

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ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION X (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

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2 Representative Harrison offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 62-152 and insert:

duty is exempt from taxation if the veteran was a permanent resident of this state on January 1 of the year in which the veteran died.

(b) The production by the surviving spouse of a letter that was issued as required under paragraph (a) and that attests the veteran's death while on active duty is prima facie evidence of the fact that the surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption under paragraph (a).

(c) The tax exemption that applies under paragraph (a) to the surviving spouse carries over to the benefit of the veteran's surviving spouse as long as the spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead, permanently resides thereon as specified in s. 196.031, and does not remarry. If the surviving spouse sells the property, an exemption not to exceed

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48 and proximately caused by the event or activity in order to be
49 considered as having occurred in the line of duty.

50 (b) Any real estate that is owned and used as a homestead
51 by the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the
52 line of duty while employed by the state or any political
53 subdivision of the state, including authorities and special
54 districts, and for whom a letter from the state or appropriate
55 political subdivision of the state or other authority or special
56 district has been issued legally recognizing and certifying that
57 the individual died in the line of duty while employed as a
58 first responder is exempt from taxation if the individual and
59 his or her surviving spouse were permanent residents of this
60 state on January 1 of the year in which the individual died.

61 (c) The production by the surviving spouse of a letter
62 that was issued as required under paragraph (b) and that attests
63 the individual's death in the line of duty is prima facie
64 evidence of the fact that the surviving spouse is entitled to an
65 exemption under paragraph (b).

66 (d) The tax exemption that applies under paragraph (b) to
67 the surviving spouse carries over to the benefit of the
68 individual's surviving spouse as long as the spouse holds the
69 legal or beneficial title to the homestead, permanently resides
70 thereon as specified in s. 196.031, and does not remarry. If the
71 surviving spouse sells the property, an exemption not to exceed
72 the amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may
73 be transferred to his or her new residence as long as it is used
74 as his or her primary residence and he or she does not remarry.

75 Section 3. Construction.-

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Bill No. HB 95 (2012)

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providing an appropriation; providing

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Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

CS/HB 107 : Special Districts

Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Joseph Abruzzo	X				
Larry Ahern	X				
Ben Albritton	X				
Lori Berman	X				
Douglas Broxson	X				
Matthew Caldwell	X				
Fredrick Costello	X				
Jose Diaz				X	
Reggie Fullwood				X	
James Grant	X				
John Julien	X				
Debbie Mayfield	X				
George Moraitis, Jr.	X				
Scott Randolph	X				
Lake Ray	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Hazelle Rogers	X				
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X				
W. Gregory Steube	X				
Perry Thurston, Jr.	X				
Charles Van Zant	X				
Michael Weinstein	X				
Ritch Workman	X				
Stephen Precourt (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 22		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

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Bill No. CS/HB 107 (2012)

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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	X	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Finance & Tax Committee
2 Representative Caldwell offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Between lines 788 and 789, insert:

6 (o) Effect on millage calculations pursuant to chapter
7 200.-

8 1. The merged independent special district is authorized
9 to continue or conclude chapter 200 procedures on behalf of the
10 component independent special districts.

11 2. The merged independent special district shall make the
12 calculations required by chapter 200 for each component
13 individual special district separately.