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## DIGEST

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HB No. 58

**Abstract:** Provides that persons qualifying for the special assessment level for certain persons aged 65 or older shall be required to reapply every five years.

Present constitution provides for a "special assessment level" for homestead exempt property if it is owned and occupied by a person who is 65 years of age or older, or his surviving spouse age 55 or older or who has minor children. The special assessment level is the total assessment of that property for the year that the owner qualifies for and receives the special assessment level, unless the owner fails to qualify in a subsequent year, in which case the assessment shall be the level at which the property was assessed for the most recent year that the owner failed to qualify if the owner requalifies. The owner must annually apply for the special assessment level.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that persons qualifying for the special assessment reapply every five years.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2002.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §18(G)(1)(a)(ii) and (iii) and (2)(a))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill.

1. Deletes provisions removing requirement that persons reapply annually.
2. Adds provision requiring reapplication every five years.