

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION: (Constitutional Amendment) Increases the income threshold for purposes of qualifying for the special assessment level

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxation; to provide for assessment of property for ad valorem tax purposes; to provide with respect to the special assessment level; to provide with respect to the income limit associated with qualifying for the special assessment level; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§18. Ad Valorem Taxes

Section 18.

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(G) Special Assessment Level.

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(ii) Any person or persons shall be prohibited from receiving the special assessment as provided in this Section if such person's or persons' adjusted gross

1 income, as reported in the federal tax return for the year prior to the application for
 2 the special assessment, exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars. For persons
 3 applying for the special assessment whose filing status is married filing separately,
 4 the adjusted gross income for purposes of this Section shall be determined by
 5 combining the adjusted gross income on both federal tax returns. Beginning for the
 6 tax year ~~2026~~ 2028 and for each tax year thereafter, the one hundred fifty thousand
 7 dollar limit shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as reported by
 8 the United States Government. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution
 9 to the contrary, a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected by a taxing
 10 authority as a result of the special assessment level shall be absorbed by the taxing
 11 authority and shall not create any additional tax liability for other taxpayers in the
 12 taxing district as a result of any subsequent reappraisal and valuation or millage
 13 adjustment. Implementation of the special assessment level shall neither trigger nor
 14 be cause for a reappraisal of property or an adjustment of millages pursuant to the
 15 provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) of this constitution.

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17 Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
 18 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to
 19 all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

20 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 21 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
 22 2026.

23 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
 24 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 25 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 26 follows:

27 Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income
 28 a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for

1 residential property receiving the homestead exemption? (Effective January
2 1, 2027) (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii))

DIGEST

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HB 300 Engrossed

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Abstract: Increases the income limit for qualifying for the special property tax assessment level from \$100,000, to be adjusted annually for inflation beginning in 2026, to \$150,000, to be adjusted annually for inflation beginning in 2028.

Present constitution provides that the assessment of residential property receiving the homestead exemption which is owned and occupied by persons meeting certain qualifications shall not be increased above the total assessment of that property for the first year that the owner qualifies for and receives the special assessment level authorized in present constitution.

Present constitution makes the special assessment level available to the following groups:

- (1) People who are 65 years of age or older.
- (2) People who have a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) Members of the U.S. armed forces or La. National Guard who are killed in action or who are missing in action or are a prisoner of war for a period exceeding 90 days.
- (4) People who are permanently and totally disabled as determined by a final, nonappealable judgment of a court, or as certified by a state or federal administrative agency charged with making official disability determinations.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution limits eligibility for the special assessment level to people in the above-listed classes whose adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less, with that income limit to be adjusted annually for inflation beginning with the 2026 tax year. Proposed constitutional amendment increases the income limit to \$150,000, with that limit to be adjusted annually for inflation beginning with the 2028 tax year.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected by a taxing authority as a result of the special assessment level shall be absorbed by the taxing authority and shall not create any additional tax liability for other taxpayers in the taxing district as a result of any subsequent reappraisal and valuation or millage adjustment. Provides further that implementation of the special assessment level shall not cause a reappraisal of property or an adjustment of millages.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027, and applicable to all tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2027.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the engrossed bill:

1. Restore present constitution establishing an income limit for purposes of qualifying for the special assessment level and increase the limit from \$100,000 to \$150,000.
2. Restore present constitution requiring the income limit to be adjusted annually for inflation; provide that the \$150,000 limit shall be adjusted for inflation beginning in tax year 2028.
3. Require that a decrease in the total amount of ad valorem tax collected as a result of the special assessment level be absorbed by the taxing authority. Provide that implementation of the special assessment level shall not cause a reappraisal of property or an adjustment of millages.