The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

## **DIGEST**

<u>Present constitution</u> provides an additional seven thousand five hundred dollars in homestead exemption to veterans with a service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides the same exemption to surviving spouses of deceased veterans with a rating of one hundred percent disability.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u>, to become effective January 1, 2015, maintains current constitutional amendment of service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs of "one hundred percent" and adds the rating of "totally disabled or unemployable" to the ratings to be eligible for the exemption.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 21(K)(1))