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TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION RE +\$3,325,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
(Constitutional Amendment) Provides for continuation of homestead exemption and special assessment level for property damaged or destroyed by natural disaster (Item #41)

Purpose of Bill: Proposes a constitutional amendment that continues the homestead exemption and special assessment level for any qualifying homestead that is damaged or destroyed during a disaster or emergency declared by the governor and whose owner is unable to occupy the homestead on or before December 31st of a calendar year due to such damage or destruction. Owners must file with their assessors an annual affidavit of intent to return and reoccupy the homestead within five years from December 31st of the year following the disaster. Owners may receive only one homestead exemption. Provides for a statewide election to be held on February 4, 2006.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill could increase state general fund expenditures by approximately \$3,325,000 in fiscal year 2006.

According to the Secretary of State's office, the total cost of placing the proposed amendment on the February 4, 2006 ballot is about \$3,325,000 (\$3.2 million for conducting the election and \$125,000 for printing and election supplies).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

This bill allows home owners already receiving a homestead exemption to continue to receive the exemption even though they cannot occupy the dwelling due to damage or destruction on or before December 31st of a calendar year.

This bill allows home owners already receiving a special assessment level to keep the special assessment level even though they cannot occupy the homestead on or before December 31st of a future calendar year.

Senate Dual Referral Rules

- 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

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- 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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