

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

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I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

## ACTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMEMDED: ARTICLE VII SECTION 3.

**BALLOT TITLE:** Retroactive ad valorem property tax exemption.

**BALLOT SUMMARY:** By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, not less than 75 percent of the just value of property subject to ad valorem property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. This amendment will take effect immediately upon approval by the voters and operate retroactively to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year in which it was approved by the voters; the legislature shall appropriate other revenues to replace lost ad valorem revenues.

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Full text of proposed amendment: **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA THAT:**

**ARTICLE VII SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions of the Florida Constitution, is amended to add the following subsection:** By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, not less than 75 percent of the just value of property subject to ad valorem property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. This amendment will take effect immediately upon approval by the voters and operate retroactively to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year in which it was approved by the voters; the legislature shall appropriate other revenues to replace lost ad valorem revenues. For purposes of this subsection, the phrase “just value” is defined as the price at which a property, if offered for sale in the open market, with a reasonable time for the seller to find a purchaser, would transfer for cash or its equivalent, under prevailing market conditions between parties who have knowledge of the uses to which the property may be put, both seeking to maximize their gains and neither being in a position to take advantage of the exigencies of the other. The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

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