

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 20

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION proposing to amend Article VIII, Section I,
2 paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
5 (the Senate concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of
8 New Jersey is agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 3 to read as follows:

13 3. Any citizen and resident of this State now or hereafter honorably
14 discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, in
15 time of war or other emergency as, from time to time, defined by the
16 Legislature, in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be
17 entitled, annually to a deduction from the amount of any tax bill for taxes on
18 real and personal property, or both, including taxes attributable to a residential
19 unit held by a stockholder in a cooperative or mutual housing corporation, in
20 the sum of \$50.00 or if the amount of any such tax bill shall be less than
21 \$50.00, to a cancellation thereof, which deduction or cancellation shall not be
22 altered or repealed, except that commencing in 1997 and in each year
23 thereafter, the deduction or cancellation shall be \$100.00. Any person
24 hereinabove described who has been or shall be declared by the United States
25 Veterans Administration, or its successor, to have a service-connected
26 disability, shall be entitled to such further deduction from taxation as from time
27 to time may be provided by law. The surviving spouse of any citizen and
28 resident of this State who has met or shall meet his or her death on active duty
29 in time of war or of other emergency as so defined in any such service shall be
30 entitled, during her widowhood or his widowerhood, as the case may be, and

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 while a resident of this State, to the deduction or cancellation in this paragraph
2 provided for honorably discharged veterans and to such further deduction as
3 from time to time may be provided by law. The surviving spouse of any citizen
4 and resident of this State who has had or shall hereafter have active service in
5 time of war or of other emergency as so defined in any branch of the Armed
6 Forces of the United States and who died or shall die while on active duty in
7 any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or who has been or
8 may hereafter be honorably discharged or released under honorable
9 circumstances from active service in time or war or of other emergency as so
10 defined in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be
11 entitled, during her widowhood or his widowerhood, as the case may be, and
12 while a resident of this State, to the deduction or cancellation in this paragraph
13 provided for honorably discharged veterans and to such further deductions as
14 from time to time may be provided by law.

15 (cf: Art.VIII, Sec.I, par.3; effective Dec. 8, 1988.)

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17 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally agreed to
18 pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it shall be submitted
19 to the people at the next general election occurring more than three months
20 after the final agreement and shall be published at least once in at least one
21 newspaper of each county designated by the President of the Senate, the
22 Speaker of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than
23 three months prior to the general election.

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25 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the
26 people at that election in the following manner and form:

27 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the general
28 election, the following:

29 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a legend
30 which shall immediately precede the question, as follows:

31 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
32 check (T) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are opposed thereto
33 make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (T) in the square opposite the word
34 "No."

35 b. In every municipality the following question:

1		INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX
2		DEDUCTION FOR VETERANS
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4		Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section I,
5		paragraph 3 of the State Constitution, agreed to by
6	YES	the Legislature, increasing from \$50 to \$100 the
7		annual deduction for veterans from real and
8		personal property taxes, be approved?
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10		INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
11		This proposed constitutional amendment would
12	NO	increase the property tax deduction for veterans
13		from \$50 to \$100.

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18 Proposes constitutional amendment to increase property tax deduction for
19 veterans.