

HJR 30 -- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

SPONSOR: Anderson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment authorizes a real and personal property tax exemption for veterans with a combat-related disability and a total combined disability rating of 80% or more, as determined by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The property tax exemption is capped at \$200,000 in actual value for 2020, and indexed for inflation in subsequent years.

This bill is similar to HJR 22 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this Constitutional amendment will ease the property tax burden for disabled veterans. Additionally, it was pointed out that this amendment would not harm current veterans that receive a property tax exemption for being a previous POW since the veterans that currently receive the exemption need a total service-connected disability to qualify.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Anderson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.