

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 25, 2019


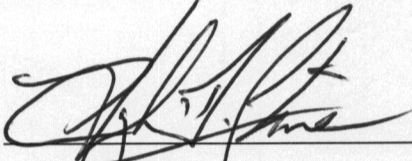
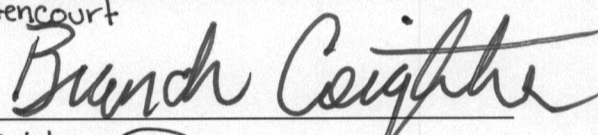

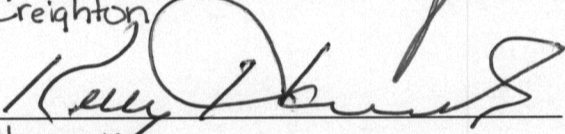
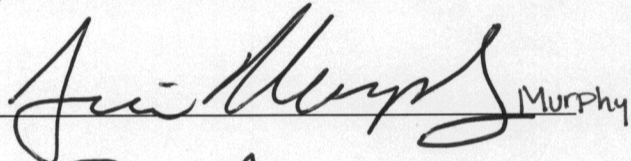
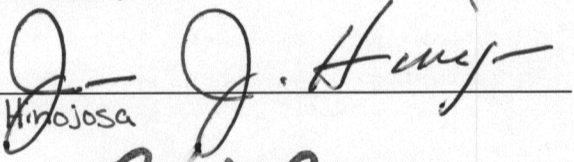

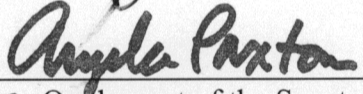
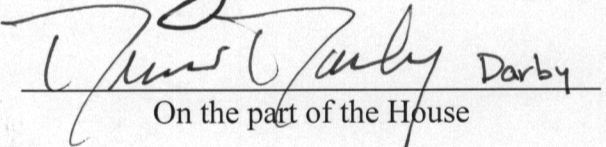
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick  
President of the Senate

Honorable Dennis Bonnen  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HJR 34 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

 Bettencourt	 Shine
 Creighton	 Burrows
 Hancock	 Murphy
 Hinojosa	 Martinez Fischer
 Paxton On the part of the Senate	 On the part of the House

**Note to Conference Committee Clerk:**

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3<sup>rd</sup> Printing

H.J.R. No. 34

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature  
2 to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a  
3 portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a  
4 disaster.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) The Legislature by general law may provide that a person  
9 who owns property located in an area declared by the governor to be  
10 a disaster area following a disaster is entitled to a temporary  
11 exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision of a  
12 portion of the appraised value of that property. The general law  
13 may provide that if the governor first declares territory in the  
14 political subdivision to be a disaster area as a result of a  
15 disaster on or after the date the political subdivision adopts a tax  
16 rate for the tax year in which the declaration is issued, a person  
17 is entitled to the exemption authorized by this subsection for that  
18 tax year only if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of  
19 the political subdivision. The Legislature by general law may  
20 prescribe the method of determining the amount of the exemption  
21 authorized by this subsection and the duration of the exemption and  
22 may provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

23 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

H.J.R. No. 34

1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the  
3 legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem  
4 taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property  
5 damaged by a disaster."

**House Joint Resolution 34**  
Conference Committee Report  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The Legislature by general law may provide that a person who owns property located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster is entitled to a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision of a portion of the appraised value of that property **if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of the political subdivision.** The Legislature by general law may prescribe the method of determining the amount of the exemption authorized by this subsection and the duration of the exemption and may provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary **local option** exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Section 2, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The Legislature by general law may provide that a person who owns property located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster is entitled to a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision of a portion of the appraised value of that property. The Legislature by general law may prescribe the method of determining the amount of the exemption authorized by this subsection and the duration of the exemption and may provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Same as Senate version except authorizes the general law to provide that if the governor first declares territory in the political subdivision to be a disaster area as a result of a disaster on or after the date the political subdivision adopts a tax rate for the tax year in which the declaration is issued, a person is entitled to the exemption authorized by the subsection for that tax year only if the exemption is adopted by the political subdivision's governing body.

SECTION 2. Same as Senate version.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 25, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HJR34** by Shine (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.), **Conference Committee Report**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated**, other than the cost of publication. Any additional fiscal implication would be attributable to the corresponding enabling legislation.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$177,289.

The resolution would propose an amendment to Article 8, Section 2, of the Texas Constitution, to permit the Legislature to provide for a disaster exemption for property located in a Governor-declared disaster area.

Adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment alone would have no fiscal impact on the state or units of local government other than the cost of publication. Any fiscal impact would depend on the corresponding enabling legislation.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$177,289.

The proposed amendment would be submitted to voters at an election to be held November 5, 2019.

**Local Government Impact**

The proposed constitutional amendment alone would have no fiscal implication to units of local government. Any fiscal implication would be attributable to the corresponding enabling legislation.


**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

**LBB Staff:** WP, KK, SD, SJS

**Certification of Compliance with  
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under House Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not subject to a point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on HJR 34 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.

  
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(name)  
Hugh D. Shine

May 24, 2019  
(date)