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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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Members,

Yesterday, the House and Senate passed joint resolution 1F and 4F. Under this measure, the current $50,000 property tax homestead exemption would increase to $150,000 in 2027 and to $250,000 in 2028. The resolution was amended in committee on Monday afternoon to state that it would not apply to school district levies.

The resolution would limit the use of property taxes to core services. One of those core services is to provide for public safety, which includes law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical service. Please review lines 414-433 for what specifically ad valorem taxes by counties and municipalities must be used if this constitutional amendment were to pass in November.

The resolution was also amended yesterday to remove the establishment of a state-managed trust fund to offset revenue losses by local governments, and both chambers removed the requirement that property appraisers had to mail a notice to inform homeowners about the constitutional amendment ballot language. The decision was made to remove the provision of the state-managed trust fund because there was no dedicated source of money for the fund, which, on the ballot, could confuse voters who might think the legislature had already set aside funds to address funding shortages. It will be up to future legislatures to create and then fund this state-managed trust fund. *The FPCA has provided letters to the current and future Senate President and Speaker of the House asking for a voice in implementation should this ballot measure pass.*

For this amendment to be approved, it will require 60% support from the voters this November. We will discuss this constitutional amendment in more detail at our summer conference at the beginning of July.

A copy of the enrolled resolution and property tax administration text is attached, as well as the ballot summary listed at the end of this email.

Important NOTE – A legal bulletin is the third document. Please review carefully regarding the limitations on Chiefs as unelected public officials regarding influencing voting. Questions on the legal bulletin should be

directed to FPCA GC and Deputy Director David Marsey at dmarsey@fpca.com or 850-364-4777 or our office 850-219-3631.

Lastly, members we will be looking to host an educational webinar for chiefs on the property tax impact so stay tuned for additional updates.

Thank you,

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1F Enrolled Resolution

4F Enrolled Property Tax

Property Tax - Legal Bulletin: Advocacy for Ballot Items
