

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PETITION

**To the Attorney General of Ohio:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a summary of the same.

### **INITIATIVE PETITION Amendment to the Constitution Proposed by Initiative Petition Submitted Directly to the Electors**

#### TITLE

**Homestead and Personal Property Taxation Limits**

#### SUMMARY

To facilitate the retention of private property by alleviating the burden of ever-increasing taxes on private property; especially to prevent the loss of home and property of disabled veterans, the elderly, and the average citizen due to this continual increase.

Also to encourage the development of more permanent neighborhoods by potentially reducing transience caused by inability to retain private property due to escalating taxes.

By limiting the power of the state to increase the taxable property value of private property.

#### **FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

1. The state or local government of Ohio shall not have the right or power to increase the taxable property value nor increase the 35% utilized for the purposes of taxation on any citizen's private property or properties, to include those kept in trust, in the state of Ohio for the purpose of taxation, levies, or fines without the private property owners' agreement or consent. This is to include any improvements made to the property up to \$50,000.00 USD in material costs, to be adjusted each year according to the official inflation rate as published by the federal government of the United States of America, in any one calendar year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31 of that same year.
2. The only time private property or properties may be reappraised for taxation purposes is in the case of transference of the property through sale or inheritance. The property will then be appraised at the current fair market value by a mutually agreed upon third party which shall then be used to calculate the taxable value at 35% of market. Cost of the appraisal to be paid for by the state or local government. Exempt from this new appraisal of property or properties will be widows/widowers in which case the property's or properties' value shall remain at the same appraisal value as when the property (or properties) was still owned by one or both spouses.
3. The private property owner or owners shall have the right to repair and/or replace any existing items on the property or properties as of the effective date of this amendment without adding additional appraisal value. Repairs/replacement of existing items can be made in addition to any improvements made to the property or properties in accordance with this amendment as outlined in Section (1).

4. The state shall provide for a senior and disabled persons homestead exemption credit with a \$50,000.00 reduction off the taxable property value, to be adjusted each year according to the official inflation rate as published by the federal government of the United States of America, for all homeowners who were either 65 or older, disabled veteran or permanently and totally disabled person, regardless of their income.
- To qualify for the senior and Disabled persons homestead exemption,  
A homeowner must: Own and occupy the home as their primary place of residence as of January 1st of the year for which they apply; and
  - Be 65 years of age, or turn 65, by December 31st of the year for which they apply; or
  - Be totally and permanently disabled as of January 1st of the year for which they apply, as certified by a licensed physician or psychologist; or
  - Be the surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the homestead exemption at the time of death and where the surviving spouse was at least 59 years old on the date of death.
  - Be a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States (including the reserve components or the National Guard) who has been discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions and who has received a total disability rating or a total disability rating for compensation based on individual unemployability for a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities.

Petition Committee Members:

Gerald Bruce [REDACTED]

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Jennifer Frazier [REDACTED]

Be it resolved by the people of the state of Ohio.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signature of \_\_\_ electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date sent opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of those whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of employer.)

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Permanent Address of circulator in this state)

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WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.