



April 25, 2017

Expanded Homestead Exemption – OPPOSE HJR 7105

The full [House of Representatives](#) is expected to vote on [HJR 7105](#), as early as Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 26.

Please contact your Representatives ASAP and urge them to Oppose this proposed Constitutional Amendment that proposes expanding the Homestead Exemption. Please also let us know how your Legislator will vote on HJR 7105.

This proposed constitutional amendment would create an additional \$25,000 exemption for homestead properties for the purposes of non-school (city, county and special district) property taxes.

The Florida League of Cities is **opposed** to this legislation for the following reasons:

- **An additional homestead exemption will create even more inequities to the property tax system that already picks winners and losers.**
- If approved by 60 percent of voters, it is estimated that the new homestead exemption would have a negative fiscal impact on cities, counties and special districts of **\$752.7 million in the first year and that impact grows to \$816.8 million in the fifth year.**
- The additional homestead exemption will require local governments to either reduce services or increase the taxes of businesses and renters by increasing millage to offset the fiscal impact.
- This new exemption transfers tax burden to non-homestead properties such as businesses and renters who currently receive far less property tax relief than homestead property owners.

Please contact members of the FL House of Representatives and urge them to Oppose legislation that would create a NEW \$25,000 Homestead Exemption.

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!