

## S.J.R. 11 of the 70th Session

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11—SENATOR O’CONNELL

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#### Referred to Committee on Taxation

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to authorize abatement of property tax for certain owners of single-family residences. (BDR C-1435)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Nevada to authorize the abatement of the property tax for certain owners of single-family residences.

1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That section 1 of article 10 of the Constitution of the  
3 State of Nevada be amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1. 1. The legislature shall provide by law for a uniform and  
5 equal rate of assessment and taxation, and shall prescribe such regulations  
6 as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, real, personal and  
7 possessory, except mines and mining claims, which shall be assessed and  
8 taxed only as provided in section 5 of this article.

9 2. Shares of stock, bonds, mortgages, notes, bank deposits, book  
10 accounts and credits, and securities and choses in action of like character  
11 are deemed to represent interest in property already assessed and taxed,  
12 either in Nevada or elsewhere, and shall be exempt.

13 3. The legislature may constitute agricultural and open-space real  
14 property having a greater value for another use than that for which it is  
15 being used, as a separate class for taxation purposes and may provide a  
16 separate uniform plan for appraisal and valuation of such property for  
17 assessment purposes. If such plan is provided, the legislature shall also  
18 provide for retroactive assessment for a period of not less than 7 years  
19 when agricultural and open-space real property is converted to a higher use  
20 conforming to the use for which other nearby property is used.

21 4. Personal property which is moving in interstate commerce through or  
22 over the territory of the State of Nevada, or which was consigned to a  
23 warehouse, public or private, within the State of Nevada from outside the  
24 State of Nevada for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State

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1 of Nevada, whether specified when transportation begins or afterward, shall  
2 be deemed to have acquired no situs in Nevada for purposes of taxation  
3 and shall be exempt from taxation. Such property shall not be deprived of  
4 such exemption because while in the warehouse the property is assembled,  
5 bound, joined, processed, disassembled, divided, cut, broken in bulk,  
6 relabeled or repackaged.

7 5. The legislature may exempt motor vehicles from the provisions of the  
8 tax required by this section, and in lieu thereof, if such exemption is granted,  
9 shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation of  
10 motor vehicles, which rate shall not exceed five cents on one dollar of  
11 assessed valuation.

12 6. The legislature shall provide by law for a progressive reduction in  
13 the tax upon business inventories by 20 percent in each year following the  
14 adoption of this provision, and after the expiration of the 4th year such  
15 inventories are exempt from taxation. The legislature may exempt any other  
16 personal property, including livestock.

17 7. No inheritance tax shall ever be levied.

18 8. The legislature may exempt by law property used for municipal,  
19 educational, literary, scientific or other charitable purposes, or to encourage  
20 the conservation of energy or the substitution of other sources for fossil  
21 sources of energy.

22 9. No income tax shall be levied upon the wages or personal income of  
23 natural persons. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, and except as  
24 otherwise provided in subsection 1 of this section, taxes may be levied  
25 upon the income or revenue of any business in whatever form it may be  
26 conducted for profit in the state.

27 *10. The legislature may provide by law for an abatement of the tax*  
28 *upon or an exemption of part of the assessed value of a single-family*  
29 *residence occupied by the owner to the extent necessary to avoid severe*  
30 *economic hardship to the owner of the residence.*

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