

HJR 9 -- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY

SPONSOR: Burlison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Financial Institutions and Taxation by a vote of 10 to 0.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment authorizes an exemption from property tax for an active-duty, military person's personal property that is not in use while he or she is stationed outside the country.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that soldiers while deployed overseas are not using the services the tax on personal property pays for and this is a way to acknowledge that and honor them.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burlison and Rush Loftis.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.