

RESOLUTION 2006-19
TO OPPOSE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF

WHEREAS, in 2004, Senate Joint Resolution 1 was introduced to propose an amendment to Article II, Section 28, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, to authorize a new method of property tax relief for senior citizens in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the program proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 1 would freeze property taxes for elderly taxpayers at the amount paid when the program is enacted or when the taxpayer turns sixty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS, the language of Senate Joint Resolution 1 provides little detail with regard to the parameters of the program which would be established by the General Assembly in the future; and

WHEREAS, the program would be authorized and paid for by local governments, but control of the specifics of the program would rest with the General Assembly; and

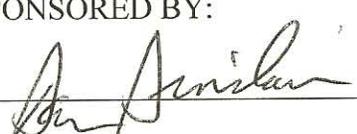
WHEREAS, if the program described in Senate Joint Resolution 1 is authorized, there would be substantial political pressure for local governments to establish such programs which would then be under the discretion and control of the General Assembly; and

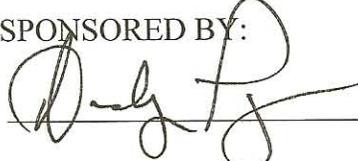
WHEREAS, a program for low income elderly property tax relief is already authorized under state law pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-701, et seq. and provides a significant level of relief to needy taxpayers.

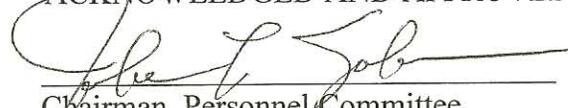
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, meeting in regular session on this 21st day of November, 2005, that the Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to defeat Senate Joint Resolution 1 and to reject similar legislative proposals which would have the effect of authorizing local property tax relief programs where the parameters and conditions of such programs are outside the control of the local government adopting such program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Weakley County.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:


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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:


Chairman, Personnel Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Sinclair that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Rich.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas,

0 Nays,

0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:


Pat Scarborough, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Richard Phebus, Chairman

THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005.

APPROVED:


Ron Gifford, County Mayor

VETOED:

Ron Gifford, County Mayor

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