

1 House BILL NO. 822
2 INTRODUCED BY Reidas

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14 levied do not apply to a taxing unit if the voters in the
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16 regularly scheduled election.

17 (b) The voters of a taxing unit that has been exempted
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20 the reinstatement is approved by the voters at a regularly
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23 voters, property taxes are limited to the amount levied for
24 the taxable year in which the election is conducted.

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