

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 833
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 26, 2015; March 3, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; March 16, 2015, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Campbell	X		
1-9	Burton	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Garcia	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Rodríguez	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the continuation of a residence homestead exemption
1-18 from ad valorem taxation while the owner is temporarily absent
1-19 because of military service.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 11.13(1), Tax Code, is amended to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (1) A qualified residential structure does not lose its
1-24 character as a residence homestead when the owner who qualifies for
1-25 the exemption temporarily stops occupying it as a principal
1-26 residence if that owner does not establish a different principal
1-27 residence and the absence is:

1-28 (1) for a period of less than two years and the owner
1-29 intends to return and occupy the structure as the owner's principal
1-30 residence; or

1-31 (2) caused by the owner's:

1-32 (A) military service inside or outside of the
1-33 United States as a member of the armed forces of the United States
1-34 or of this state; or

1-35 (B) residency in a facility that provides
1-36 services related to health, infirmity, or aging.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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