

**SSJR 8210** - S AMD 275

By Senator Zarelli

1 On page 1, line 6, strike ", section 1"

2 On page 1, line 8, beginning with "Article" strike everything  
3 through "proper." on page 2, line 13 and insert:

4 "Article VII, section . . . Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 this Constitution, the legislature shall have the power, by appropriate  
6 legislation, to grant to property owners relief from property taxes  
7 levied for any state purpose on residential real property. The relief  
8 shall be in the form of a refund equal to no more than the state  
9 property taxes paid on the residence by the owner. The legislature may  
10 place such restrictions and conditions upon the granting of the relief  
11 as the legislature deems proper."

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**EFFECT:** Removes the homestead exemption. Replaces it with legislative authority to grant homeowners relief from the state property tax in the form of a refund. The legislature may place such restrictions and conditions upon the granting of relief as it deems proper.