

FAIR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR TEXAS DISABLED VETERANS

A Call to Action for Veterans & Veteran Supporters

Texas veterans with service-connected disabilities deserve property tax relief that reflects their sacrifice and keeps pace with rising home values. Current law provides outdated, fixed-dollar exemptions that deliver minimal help—often just a few hundred dollars a year. **We can fix this in the 2027 legislative session with your help.**

THE CHALLENGE

- Fixed exemptions (\$5,000–\$12,000) have not changed in decades and are eroded by inflation and rising property values. Established in 1996 when Texas median home price was \$86,000
- On a \$400,000 home, a \$12,000 exemption leaves \$388,000 in taxable value
- Partial disability ratings (10–99%) receive disproportionately small help compared to 100% ratings (full exemption).
- Surviving spouses and families face unfair cliffs and limited transfer of benefits.

THE SOLUTION

Support legislation to create a **flexible, local-option, tiered exemption system** based on service-connected disability rating (SCDR).

KEY BENEFITS

ASPECT	CURRENT LAW	PROPOSED SOLUTION
Exemption Type	Fixed dollar amounts (\$5K–\$12K)	Percentage of assessed value, tiered by disability rating
Scales with Home Value?	No — fixed & outdated	Yes — relief grows with property values & inflation
Fairness Across Ratings	Cliff at 100% (full exemption vs. minimal at 99%)	Proportional to sacrifice — no cliffs; linear or tiered options
Surviving Spouses	Limited transfer; cliffs for families	Full or enhanced transfer to unmarried surviving spouses & minor children
Path to Enactment	Often requires constitutional amendment	Local-option authority enables faster adoption by cities, counties & districts without statewide vote

90TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION TIMELINE

- **November 9, 2026:** Pre-filing begins — early advocacy is critical.
- **January 12, 2027:** Session convenes; committee hearings follow quickly.
- **February–March 2027:** Key window for veteran voices in committees and on the floor.
- **May 31, 2027:** Regular session ends — momentum now determines success.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BUILD MOMENTUM

This effort succeeds only if veterans and supporters across Texas raise their voices together. Here's how you can make an immediate impact:

1. **Share this information** with fellow veterans, your families, neighbors, and veteran supporters. Print extra copies or forward the link votetime.org/vets
2. **Ask other groups to invite a speaker.** Talk to your American Legion leadership, other posts, VFW, DAV, Marine Corps League, AMVETS, civic organizations, Rotary/Lions Clubs, chambers of commerce, churches, and community groups. Request they invite **Retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant JJ Brookshire** to speak on this issue. Early presentations will build the grassroots support needed before pre-filing.
3. **Sign up for updates** at votetime.org/vets to receive bill alerts, hearing notices, and mobilization opportunities. Your information is kept private.



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Our laws reflect what we value. In Texas, we value our veterans.

Help us ensure the sacrifice of every disabled veteran is honored with fair and meaningful property tax relief.

Thank you for your service. Share this with fellow veterans and ask other groups to invite a speaker.

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We're Already Making Progress!

On July 4, 2026, State Representative David Cook announced he will **refile HB 4321** in the upcoming legislative session to create a **tiered, percentage-based homestead exemption** for service-connected disabled veterans, directly addressing the outdated \$12,000 cap and fixed-dollar system.

**David Cook** ✓
@DavidCookTexas

On Independence Day, we celebrate the freedoms endowed by God and defended by America's Servicemembers.

To honor their sacrifice, I will refile my legislation, HB 4321, to EXPAND VETERAN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION to a tiered system based on disability rating. I plan to incorporate changes to the bill in order to improve it, compliments of Ret. US Army Master Sergeant @jjbrookshire . Thank You Sir and you're absolutely right, a \$12K maximum exemption is simply not good enough for our Veterans!

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This is why your voice matters right now. With pre-filing beginning November 9, 2026, we have a narrow window to build strong support across the veteran community.

- ✓ **Share this handout** with fellow veterans and supporters.
- ✓ **Ask other groups** (VFW, DAV, civic clubs, chambers, churches, etc.) to invite JJ Brookshire to speak.
- ✓ **Sign up for updates** at votetime.org/vets and contact your legislators.



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Together, we can make this happen in 2027.

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