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HB 291 Summary of Changes

HB 291 N (34-LS1052\N) to O (34-LS1052\G)

"An Act relating to municipal exemptions from fees for landfills or dumping areas; and relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions."

Sections 1 & 2

- New language places the power to manage these tax exemptions in the hands of the local government body. Clarifies that the powers of referendum and initiative reserved to residents do not extend to municipal ordinances that classify, exclude, or exempt property from taxation.

Section 3

- Section 1 in version N is renumbered to Section 3.

Section 4

- The original bill gave municipalities the power to create exemptions to "real property". The changes revert this to the original statute language of "residential property".
- Version G deletes the voter approval threshold of **\$75,000**. This bill does not mandate to the municipalities whether they should or should not take these proposed ordinances to voter approval. Instead, it lets them choose at what point to bring these decisions to voters.

Section 5

- Section 5 of version G reinstates the optional property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Section 8

- It specifies that the changes in this Act apply to ordinances adopted on or after the effective date, ensuring that current municipal tax structures remain valid until or unless changed under the new rules.