State of Arkansas
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By: Representative Sullivan

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "HOMESTEAD" AS USED IN AMENDMENT 79 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; TO INCLUDE THE DWELLING OF A BENEFICIARY OF AN IRREVOCABLE TRUST WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "HOMESTEAD" AS USED IN AMENDMENT 79 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "HOMESTEAD" AS USED IN AMENDMENT 79 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES TO INCLUDE THE DWELLING OF A BENEFICIARY OF AN IRREVOCABLE TRUST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-26-1122(a)(2)(B), concerning the definition of "homestead" as used in Amendment 79 of the Arkansas Constitution for the purposes of property tax, is amended to read as follows:

(B) “Homestead” includes a:

(i) A dwelling owned by a revocable or irrevocable trust and used as the principal place of residence of the person who formed the trust; and

(ii) A dwelling owned by an irrevocable trust and used as the principal place of residence of a beneficiary of the trust, as evidenced by submitting a signed, notarized, and file-marked copy of the
irrevocable trust to the county assessor;

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

/s/Sullivan

APPROVED: 4/9/19