

HB2430



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2430

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/15-170

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, for taxable years 2019 and thereafter, the maximum reduction for the senior citizens homestead exemption is \$8,000 in all counties (currently, \$8,000 in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$5,000 in all other counties). Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 15-170 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/15-170)

7 Sec. 15-170. Senior citizens homestead exemption. An
8 annual homestead exemption limited, except as described here
9 with relation to cooperatives or life care facilities, to a
10 maximum reduction set forth below from the property's value, as
11 equalized or assessed by the Department, is granted for
12 property that is occupied as a residence by a person 65 years
13 of age or older who is liable for paying real estate taxes on
14 the property and is an owner of record of the property or has a
15 legal or equitable interest therein as evidenced by a written
16 instrument, except for a leasehold interest, other than a
17 leasehold interest of land on which a single family residence
18 is located, which is occupied as a residence by a person 65
19 years or older who has an ownership interest therein, legal,
20 equitable or as a lessee, and on which he or she is liable for
21 the payment of property taxes. Before taxable year 2004, the
22 maximum reduction shall be \$2,500 in counties with 3,000,000 or
23 more inhabitants and \$2,000 in all other counties. For taxable

1 years 2004 through 2005, the maximum reduction shall be \$3,000
2 in all counties. For taxable years 2006 and 2007, the maximum
3 reduction shall be \$3,500. For taxable years 2008 through 2011,
4 the maximum reduction is \$4,000 in all counties. For taxable
5 year 2012, the maximum reduction is \$5,000 in counties with
6 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$4,000 in all other counties.
7 For taxable years 2013 through 2016, the maximum reduction is
8 \$5,000 in all counties. For taxable years 2017 and 2018
9 ~~thereafter~~, the maximum reduction is \$8,000 in counties with
10 3,000,000 or more inhabitants and \$5,000 in all other counties.
11 For taxable years 2019 and thereafter, the maximum reduction is
12 \$8,000 in all counties.

13 For land improved with an apartment building owned and
14 operated as a cooperative, the maximum reduction from the value
15 of the property, as equalized by the Department, shall be
16 multiplied by the number of apartments or units occupied by a
17 person 65 years of age or older who is liable, by contract with
18 the owner or owners of record, for paying property taxes on the
19 property and is an owner of record of a legal or equitable
20 interest in the cooperative apartment building, other than a
21 leasehold interest. For land improved with a life care
22 facility, the maximum reduction from the value of the property,
23 as equalized by the Department, shall be multiplied by the
24 number of apartments or units occupied by persons 65 years of
25 age or older, irrespective of any legal, equitable, or
26 leasehold interest in the facility, who are liable, under a

1 contract with the owner or owners of record of the facility,
2 for paying property taxes on the property. In a cooperative or
3 a life care facility where a homestead exemption has been
4 granted, the cooperative association or the management firm of
5 the cooperative or facility shall credit the savings resulting
6 from that exemption only to the apportioned tax liability of
7 the owner or resident who qualified for the exemption. Any
8 person who willfully refuses to so credit the savings shall be
9 guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Under this Section and
10 Sections 15-175, 15-176, and 15-177, "life care facility" means
11 a facility, as defined in Section 2 of the Life Care Facilities
12 Act, with which the applicant for the homestead exemption has a
13 life care contract as defined in that Act.

14 When a homestead exemption has been granted under this
15 Section and the person qualifying subsequently becomes a
16 resident of a facility licensed under the Assisted Living and
17 Shared Housing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized
18 Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community
19 Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, the exemption shall continue so
20 long as the residence continues to be occupied by the
21 qualifying person's spouse if the spouse is 65 years of age or
22 older, or if the residence remains unoccupied but is still
23 owned by the person qualified for the homestead exemption.

24 A person who will be 65 years of age during the current
25 assessment year shall be eligible to apply for the homestead
26 exemption during that assessment year. Application shall be

1 made during the application period in effect for the county of
2 his residence.

3 Beginning with assessment year 2003, for taxes payable in
4 2004, property that is first occupied as a residence after
5 January 1 of any assessment year by a person who is eligible
6 for the senior citizens homestead exemption under this Section
7 must be granted a pro-rata exemption for the assessment year.
8 The amount of the pro-rata exemption is the exemption allowed
9 in the county under this Section divided by 365 and multiplied
10 by the number of days during the assessment year the property
11 is occupied as a residence by a person eligible for the
12 exemption under this Section. The chief county assessment
13 officer must adopt reasonable procedures to establish
14 eligibility for this pro-rata exemption.

15 The assessor or chief county assessment officer may
16 determine the eligibility of a life care facility to receive
17 the benefits provided by this Section, by affidavit,
18 application, visual inspection, questionnaire or other
19 reasonable methods in order to insure that the tax savings
20 resulting from the exemption are credited by the management
21 firm to the apportioned tax liability of each qualifying
22 resident. The assessor may request reasonable proof that the
23 management firm has so credited the exemption.

24 The chief county assessment officer of each county with
25 less than 3,000,000 inhabitants shall provide to each person
26 allowed a homestead exemption under this Section a form to

1 designate any other person to receive a duplicate of any notice
2 of delinquency in the payment of taxes assessed and levied
3 under this Code on the property of the person receiving the
4 exemption. The duplicate notice shall be in addition to the
5 notice required to be provided to the person receiving the
6 exemption, and shall be given in the manner required by this
7 Code. The person filing the request for the duplicate notice
8 shall pay a fee of \$5 to cover administrative costs to the
9 supervisor of assessments, who shall then file the executed
10 designation with the county collector. Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of this Code to the contrary, the filing of
12 such an executed designation requires the county collector to
13 provide duplicate notices as indicated by the designation. A
14 designation may be rescinded by the person who executed such
15 designation at any time, in the manner and form required by the
16 chief county assessment officer.

17 The assessor or chief county assessment officer may
18 determine the eligibility of residential property to receive
19 the homestead exemption provided by this Section by
20 application, visual inspection, questionnaire or other
21 reasonable methods. The determination shall be made in
22 accordance with guidelines established by the Department.

23 In counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, beginning
24 in taxable year 2010, each taxpayer who has been granted an
25 exemption under this Section must reapply on an annual basis.
26 The chief county assessment officer shall mail the application

1 to the taxpayer. In counties with less than 3,000,000
2 inhabitants, the county board may by resolution provide that if
3 a person has been granted a homestead exemption under this
4 Section, the person qualifying need not reapply for the
5 exemption.

6 In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, if the
7 assessor or chief county assessment officer requires annual
8 application for verification of eligibility for an exemption
9 once granted under this Section, the application shall be
10 mailed to the taxpayer.

11 The assessor or chief county assessment officer shall
12 notify each person who qualifies for an exemption under this
13 Section that the person may also qualify for deferral of real
14 estate taxes under the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral
15 Act. The notice shall set forth the qualifications needed for
16 deferral of real estate taxes, the address and telephone number
17 of county collector, and a statement that applications for
18 deferral of real estate taxes may be obtained from the county
19 collector.

20 Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 of the State Mandates Act,
21 no reimbursement by the State is required for the
22 implementation of any mandate created by this Section.

23 (Source: P.A. 99-180, eff. 7-29-15; 100-401, eff. 8-25-17.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.