

HB 1260 -- HOMESTEAD PROPERTY RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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Beginning January 1, 2017, this bill exempts a taxpayer's principal residence and the adjacent real property of not more than five acres of an individual 65 years of age or older or permanently disabled as of January 1 of each odd-numbered year from increases in assessed valuation that are not from new construction or improvements as long as the individual has paid the three prior annual property tax bills on the residence, has a total household income of \$50,000 or less, and continues to reside in the home. The property must also be exempt from tax rate increases until the owner moves, sells the homestead property, or fails to notify the county assessor of his or her continued eligibility. The cumulative amount of the property taxes that an owner is exempted from paying must become due at the death of the owner or the sale of the homestead. Any revenue losses of a political subdivision, as determined by the State Auditor, must be reimbursed by the state through appropriations.