



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The County Governments are struggling with certain portions of the legislation passed last year. I am in support of this Bill as it appears to clarify eligibility for a senior to qualify for the credits, which will be helpful to local governments who are tasked with enacting this legislation.



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My name is Craig Niehaus and I have lived in St. Louis County all my life. I turned 71 this January, and have been a homeowner for 44 years, which means I have paid property taxes for 44 years. I support HB 2482 as a necessary step to clarify SB 190 which passed and was signed into law last year. A uniform age to qualify for the credit needs to be set, all senior homeowners regardless of financial status should be included, (just like the Social Security system) and maximums on assessed values (set by the County Assessor) should not be a factor in eligibility. The bill is a recognition of the financial support senior homeowners have given to the various Missouri communities. At a time when seniors face less income, higher expenses and declining health a break on property taxes will help them remain in their homes.



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I am in support of HB 2482, because it clears up a lot of the ambiguity in last year's SB 190. This has been a big problem in the counties who keep trying to change the original intent of the bill. This bill clearly defines an eligible taxpayer at 62 years of age which seem to confuse a lot of the counties. It also prevents counties from introducing means testing which I do not believe was the original intent of SB 190. As an example St Louis County put a cap on Seniors who have homes above \$550,000, excluding them from the credit. All Missouri seniors no matter what their income or how much their home is assessed should be allowed to receive this credit. This bill also illuminates the confusion about retroactive rollback credits to the date when people turned 62, and instead applies the law starting after August 28, 2023. This bill also clears up the issue of applying the credit to all applicable taxing jurisdictions not just the county portion alone, including school districts, fire districts, cities, etc. etc. The only improvement in language that I would recommend is putting something in there about the blind trust fund mandated by the Missouri constitution, so that counties are not accountable for those funds due to increased assessments.



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This Bill NEEDS Works and Amendments. I do NOT trust the Changes to providing Seniors "Homestead Property Tax-Credits."



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I am a 73 year old homeowner and would be affected by the passage of this legislation. I am opposed to legislation that could possibly shrink the revenues of taxing districts (schools, ambulance, fire, library, etc.) without the residents of the districts affected being allowed to vote on the issue. I live in Jefferson County. A majority of the County Council and a majority of the County voters are not affected by the various taxing districts that cover my home. The tax levies that are imposed by those districts have all been voted on by the residents of those districts and it should be those voters who decide if and how tax relief for the elderly should work. Thank you.



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There needs to be a return to the fundamentals of property tax where it is recognized that property held by private individuals, not engaged in commerce and held under any LLC or fictitious corporate name, is already exempt from Property tax since it is outside of the scope of government power to tax. Please See "A Selection of Maxims of Law" by Charles A. Weisman (Section on Property Rights and Possession), the Constitution of Missouri (Article 1 - section 2; Article 1 - Section 10) and United States Constitution (Amendment XIII, Section 1) dealing with People's rights to property, Slavery/Indentured Servitude being outlawed, and the primary purpose of Government. There needs to be made a distinction between property being used for commerce and property held in the private, even if the property is used as a homestead to grow food and farm, if it is not being held by an LLC or other Corporate entity and engaged in commerce, it needs to be distinguished as separate. This same principle also applies to all other real and tangible property. To protect the people's rights is part of the oath you took when coming into office.