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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 325

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Synopsis: Homestead standard deduction. Specifies the requirements and the real property improvements considered when determining whether property is a dwelling or a homestead for purposes of the standard property tax deduction law. Removes additional definitions of "homestead" from the statute. Specifies that for purposes of the circuit breaker law "nonresidential real property" refers to real property that is not: (1) a homestead; (2) residential property; (3) long term care property; or (4) agricultural land. Provides that, for assessment dates after December 31, 2023, "residential property" includes any other land, building, or residential yard structure, including a deck, patio, gazebo, or pool that is not attached to a dwelling that: (1) is not part of a homestead; and (2) is predominantly used for a residential purpose. Makes a conforming change.

Effective: January 1, 2024.

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January 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.
February 21, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
February 27, 2023, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
February 28, 2023, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 41, nays 8.

HOUSE ACTION

March 6, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.
April 6, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.
April 11, 2023, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
April 12, 2023, engrossed. Returned to second reading.
April 13, 2023, re-read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 325

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2022,
2 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 17.8. (a) An individual who receives a
4 deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its
5 expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year and who remains
6 eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a
7 statement to apply for the deduction in the following year. However, for
8 purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the county
9 auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction
10 for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not
11 comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January
12 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013.
13 Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the
14 taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement
15 in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1,
16 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination
17 of the deduction to:

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1 (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property
 2 taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or
 3 special assessment records; or

4 (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the
 5 transfer book.

6 (b) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section
 7 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, or 17.4 (before its expiration) of this chapter in a
 8 particular year and who becomes ineligible for the deduction in the
 9 following year shall notify the auditor of the county in which the real
 10 property, mobile home, or manufactured home for which the individual
 11 claims the deduction is located of the individual's ineligibility in the
 12 year in which the individual becomes ineligible. An individual who
 13 becomes ineligible for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter
 14 shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the property is
 15 located in conformity with section 37 of this chapter.

16 (c) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a
 17 deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its
 18 expiration), or 37 of this chapter to each individual who received the
 19 deduction in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the
 20 individual is no longer eligible for the deduction.

21 (d) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section
 22 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for
 23 property that is jointly held with another owner in a particular year and
 24 remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required
 25 to file a statement to reapply for the deduction following the removal
 26 of the joint owner if:

27 (1) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the
 28 death of the individual's spouse; or

29 (2) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the
 30 death of a joint owner who was not the individual's spouse.

31 If a county auditor terminates a deduction under section 9 of this
 32 chapter, a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, or a credit under
 33 IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5 after June 30, 2017, and before May 1, 2019, because
 34 the taxpayer claiming the deduction or credit did not comply with a
 35 requirement added to this subsection by P.L.255-2017 to reapply for
 36 the deduction or credit, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction
 37 or credit if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for
 38 the deduction or credit and is not claiming the deduction or credit for
 39 any other property.

40 (e) A trust entitled to a deduction under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16,
 41 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for real property
 42 owned by the trust and occupied by an individual in accordance with



1 section 17.9 of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply
2 for the deduction, if:

- 3 (1) the individual who occupies the real property receives a
4 deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before
5 its expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year; and
6 (2) the trust remains eligible for the deduction in the following
7 year.

8 However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter,
9 the individuals that qualify the trust for a deduction must comply with
10 the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015)
11 before January 1, 2013.

12 (f) A cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216)
13 that is entitled to a deduction under section 37 of this chapter in the
14 immediately preceding calendar year for a homestead (as defined in
15 section 37 of this chapter) is not required to file a statement to apply for
16 the deduction for the current calendar year if the cooperative housing
17 corporation remains eligible for the deduction for the current calendar
18 year. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's
19 discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January
20 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in
21 IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the
22 county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor
23 terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did
24 not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired
25 January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail
26 notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

- 27 (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property
28 taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or
29 special assessment records; or
30 (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the
31 transfer book.

32 (g) An individual who:

- 33 (1) was eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9
34 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2007, or
35 January 15, 2008, assessment date; or
36 (2) would have been eligible for a homestead credit under
37 IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March
38 1, 2008, or January 15, 2009, assessment date if IC 6-1.1-20.9 had
39 not been repealed;

40 is not required to file a statement to apply for a deduction under section
41 37 of this chapter if the individual remains eligible for the deduction in
42 the current year. An individual who filed for a homestead credit under



1 IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for an assessment date after March 1, 2007 (if
 2 the property is real property), or after January 1, 2008 (if the property
 3 is personal property), shall be treated as an individual who has filed for
 4 a deduction under section 37 of this chapter. However, the county
 5 auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction
 6 for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not
 7 comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January
 8 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013.
 9 Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the
 10 taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement
 11 in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1,
 12 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination
 13 of the deduction to the last known address of each person liable for any
 14 property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or
 15 special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most
 16 recent owner shown in the transfer book.

17 (h) If a county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer
 18 claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in
 19 IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013,
 20 the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides
 21 proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction and is not claiming
 22 the deduction for any other property.

23 (i) A taxpayer described in section 37(k) of this chapter is not
 24 required to file a statement to apply for the deduction provided by
 25 section 37 of this chapter for a calendar year beginning after December
 26 31, 2008, if the property owned by the taxpayer remains eligible for the
 27 deduction for that calendar year. However, the county auditor may
 28 terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if
 29 the individual residing on the property owned by the taxpayer does not
 30 comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January
 31 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013.
 32 Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the
 33 individual residing on the property did not comply with the
 34 requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before
 35 January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed
 36 termination of the deduction to:

- 37 (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property
- 38 taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or
- 39 special assessment records; or
- 40 (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the
- 41 transfer book.

42 SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-12-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2022,



1 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 37. (a) The following definitions apply
3 throughout this section:

4 (1) "Dwelling" means any of the following:

5 (A) Residential real property improvements that an individual
6 uses as the individual's residence, ~~including a house or garage.~~
7 **limited to a single house and a single garage, regardless of**
8 **whether the single garage is attached to the single house or**
9 **detached from the single house.**

10 (B) A mobile home that is not assessed as real property that an
11 individual uses as the individual's residence.

12 (C) A manufactured home that is not assessed as real property
13 that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

14 (2) "Homestead" means an individual's principal place of
15 residence:

16 (A) that is located in Indiana;

17 (B) that:

18 (i) the individual owns;

19 (ii) the individual is buying under a contract recorded in the
20 county recorder's office, or evidenced by a memorandum of
21 contract recorded in the county recorder's office under
22 IC 36-2-11-20, that provides that the individual is to pay the
23 property taxes on the residence, and that obligates the owner
24 to convey title to the individual upon completion of all of the
25 individual's contract obligations;

26 (iii) the individual is entitled to occupy as a
27 tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) of a
28 cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C.
29 216); or

30 (iv) is a residence described in section 17.9 of this chapter
31 that is owned by a trust if the individual is an individual
32 described in section 17.9 of this chapter; and

33 (C) that consists of a dwelling ~~and the real estate; not~~
34 ~~exceeding and includes up to one (1) acre that immediately~~
35 ~~surrounds of land immediately surrounding~~ that dwelling,
36 **and any of the following improvements:**

37 (i) Any number of decks, patios, gazebos, or pools.

38 (ii) One (1) additional building that is not part of the
39 dwelling if the building is predominantly used for a
40 residential purpose and is not used as an investment
41 property or as a rental property.

42 (iii) One (1) additional residential yard structure other



- 1 **than a deck, patio, gazebo, or pool.**
 2 Except as provided in subsection ~~(k)~~; The term does not include
 3 property owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability
 4 company, or other entity not described in this subdivision.
 5 (b) Each year a homestead is eligible for a standard deduction from
 6 the assessed value of the homestead for an assessment date. Except as
 7 provided in subsection ~~(p)~~; **(m)**, the deduction provided by this section
 8 applies to property taxes first due and payable for an assessment date
 9 only if an individual has an interest in the homestead described in
 10 subsection (a)(2)(B) on:
 11 (1) the assessment date; or
 12 (2) any date in the same year after an assessment date that a
 13 statement is filed under subsection (e) or section 44 of this
 14 chapter, if the property consists of real property.
 15 If more than one (1) individual or entity qualifies property as a
 16 homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) for an assessment date, only one
 17 (1) standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead may
 18 be applied for the assessment date. Subject to subsection (c), the
 19 auditor of the county shall record and make the deduction for the
 20 individual or entity qualifying for the deduction.
 21 (c) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total
 22 amount of the deduction that a person may receive under this section
 23 for a particular year is the lesser of:
 24 (1) sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property,
 25 mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home
 26 not assessed as real property; or
 27 (2) for assessment dates:
 28 (A) before January 1, 2023, forty-five thousand dollars
 29 (\$45,000); or
 30 (B) after December 31, 2022, forty-eight thousand dollars
 31 (\$48,000).
 32 (d) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed
 33 as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property
 34 to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer
 35 is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or
 36 manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this
 37 section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or
 38 manufactured home.
 39 (e) Except as provided in sections 17.8 and 44 of this chapter and
 40 subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim
 41 the deduction provided by this section must file a certified statement on
 42 forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with



- 1 the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located. The
 2 statement must include:
- 3 (1) the parcel number or key number of the property and the name
 4 of the city, town, or township in which the property is located;
- 5 (2) the name of any other location in which the applicant or the
 6 applicant's spouse owns, is buying, or has a beneficial interest in
 7 residential real property;
- 8 (3) the names of:
- 9 (A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse (if any):
- 10 (i) as the names appear in the records of the United States
 11 Social Security Administration for the purposes of the
 12 issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security
 13 number; or
- 14 (ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their
 15 names on legal documents;
- 16 if the applicant is an individual; or
- 17 (B) each individual who qualifies property as a homestead
 18 under subsection (a)(2)(B) and the individual's spouse (if any):
- 19 (i) as the names appear in the records of the United States
 20 Social Security Administration for the purposes of the
 21 issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security
 22 number; or
- 23 (ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their
 24 names on legal documents;
- 25 if the applicant is not an individual; and
- 26 (4) either:
- 27 (A) the last five (5) digits of the applicant's Social Security
 28 number and the last five (5) digits of the Social Security
 29 number of the applicant's spouse (if any); or
- 30 (B) if the applicant or the applicant's spouse (if any) does not
 31 have a Social Security number, any of the following for that
 32 individual:
- 33 (i) The last five (5) digits of the individual's driver's license
 34 number.
- 35 (ii) The last five (5) digits of the individual's state
 36 identification card number.
- 37 (iii) The last five (5) digits of a preparer tax identification
 38 number that is obtained by the individual through the
 39 Internal Revenue Service of the United States.
- 40 (iv) If the individual does not have a driver's license, a state
 41 identification card, or an Internal Revenue Service preparer
 42 tax identification number, the last five (5) digits of a control



1 number that is on a document issued to the individual by the
2 United States government.

3 If a form or statement provided to the county auditor under this section,
4 IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, or IC 6-1.1-22.5-12 includes the telephone number or
5 part or all of the Social Security number of a party or other number
6 described in subdivision (4)(B) of a party, the telephone number and
7 the Social Security number or other number described in subdivision
8 (4)(B) included are confidential. The statement may be filed in person
9 or by mail. If the statement is mailed, the mailing must be postmarked
10 on or before the last day for filing. The statement applies for that first
11 year and any succeeding year for which the deduction is allowed. To
12 obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes
13 are first due and payable, the statement must be completed and dated
14 in the immediately preceding calendar year and filed with the county
15 auditor on or before January 5 of the calendar year in which the
16 property taxes are first due and payable.

17 (f) Except as provided in subsection ~~(n)~~; **(k)**, if a person who is
18 receiving, or seeks to receive, the deduction provided by this section in
19 the person's name:

20 (1) changes the use of the individual's property so that part or all
21 of the property no longer qualifies for the deduction under this
22 section; or

23 (2) is not eligible for a deduction under this section because the
24 person is already receiving:

25 (A) a deduction under this section in the person's name as an
26 individual or a spouse; or

27 (B) a deduction under the law of another state that is
28 equivalent to the deduction provided by this section;

29 the person must file a certified statement with the auditor of the county,
30 notifying the auditor of the person's ineligibility, not more than sixty
31 (60) days after the date of the change in eligibility. A person who fails
32 to file the statement required by this subsection may, under
33 IC 6-1.1-36-17, be liable for any additional taxes that would have been
34 due on the property if the person had filed the statement as required by
35 this subsection plus a civil penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the
36 additional taxes due. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection
37 is in addition to any interest and penalties for a delinquent payment that
38 might otherwise be due. One percent (1%) of the total civil penalty
39 collected under this subsection shall be transferred by the county to the
40 department of local government finance for use by the department in
41 establishing and maintaining the homestead property data base under
42 subsection (i) and, to the extent there is money remaining, for any other



1 purposes of the department. This amount becomes part of the property
2 tax liability for purposes of this article.

3 (g) The department of local government finance may adopt rules or
4 guidelines concerning the application for a deduction under this
5 section.

6 (h) This subsection does not apply to property in the first year for
7 which a deduction is claimed under this section if the sole reason that
8 a deduction is claimed on other property is that the individual or
9 married couple maintained a principal residence at the other property
10 on the assessment date in the same year in which an application for a
11 deduction is filed under this section or, if the application is for a
12 homestead that is assessed as personal property, on the assessment date
13 in the immediately preceding year and the individual or married couple
14 is moving the individual's or married couple's principal residence to the
15 property that is the subject of the application. Except as provided in
16 subsection ~~(n)~~; **(k)**, the county auditor may not grant an individual or
17 a married couple a deduction under this section if:

18 (1) the individual or married couple, for the same year, claims the
19 deduction on two (2) or more different applications for the
20 deduction; and

21 (2) the applications claim the deduction for different property.

22 (i) The department of local government finance shall provide secure
23 access to county auditors to a homestead property data base that
24 includes access to the homestead owner's name and the numbers
25 required from the homestead owner under subsection (e)(4) for the sole
26 purpose of verifying whether an owner is wrongly claiming a deduction
27 under this chapter or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-1.1-20.6, or
28 IC 6-3.6-5 (after December 31, 2016). Each county auditor shall submit
29 data on deductions applicable to the current tax year on or before
30 March 15 of each year in a manner prescribed by the department of
31 local government finance.

32 (j) A county auditor may require an individual to provide evidence
33 proving that the individual's residence is the individual's principal place
34 of residence as claimed in the certified statement filed under subsection
35 (e). The county auditor may limit the evidence that an individual is
36 required to submit to a state income tax return, a valid driver's license,
37 or a valid voter registration card showing that the residence for which
38 the deduction is claimed is the individual's principal place of residence.
39 The department of local government finance shall work with county
40 auditors to develop procedures to determine whether a property owner
41 that is claiming a standard deduction or homestead credit is not eligible
42 for the standard deduction or homestead credit because the property



1 owner's principal place of residence is outside Indiana.

2 (k) As used in this section, "homestead" includes property that
3 satisfies each of the following requirements:

4 (1) The property is located in Indiana and consists of a dwelling
5 and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately
6 surrounds that dwelling;

7 (2) The property is the principal place of residence of an
8 individual;

9 (3) The property is owned by an entity that is not described in
10 subsection (a)(2)(B);

11 (4) The individual residing on the property is a shareholder,
12 partner, or member of the entity that owns the property;

13 (5) The property was eligible for the standard deduction under
14 this section on March 1, 2009;

15 (l) If a county auditor terminates a deduction for property described
16 in subsection (k) with respect to property taxes that are:

17 (1) imposed for an assessment date in 2009; and

18 (2) first due and payable in 2010;

19 on the grounds that the property is not owned by an entity described in
20 subsection (a)(2)(B), the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if
21 the taxpayer provides proof that the property is eligible for the
22 deduction in accordance with subsection (k) and that the individual
23 residing on the property is not claiming the deduction for any other
24 property;

25 (m) For assessment dates after 2009, the term "homestead" includes:

26 (1) a deck or patio;

27 (2) a gazebo; or

28 (3) another residential yard structure, as defined in rules adopted
29 by the department of local government finance (other than a
30 swimming pool);

31 that is assessed as real property and attached to the dwelling.

32 (n) (k) A county auditor shall grant an individual a deduction under
33 this section regardless of whether the individual and the individual's
34 spouse claim a deduction on two (2) different applications and each
35 application claims a deduction for different property if the property
36 owned by the individual's spouse is located outside Indiana and the
37 individual files an affidavit with the county auditor containing the
38 following information:

39 (1) The names of the county and state in which the individual's
40 spouse claims a deduction substantially similar to the deduction
41 allowed by this section.

42 (2) A statement made under penalty of perjury that the following



- 1 are true:
- 2 (A) That the individual and the individual's spouse maintain
- 3 separate principal places of residence.
- 4 (B) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has
- 5 an ownership interest in the other's principal place of
- 6 residence.
- 7 (C) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has,
- 8 for that same year, claimed a standard or substantially similar
- 9 deduction for any property other than the property maintained
- 10 as a principal place of residence by the respective individuals.
- 11 A county auditor may require an individual or an individual's spouse to
- 12 provide evidence of the accuracy of the information contained in an
- 13 affidavit submitted under this subsection. The evidence required of the
- 14 individual or the individual's spouse may include state income tax
- 15 returns, excise tax payment information, property tax payment
- 16 information, driver license information, and voter registration
- 17 information.
- 18 ~~(c)~~ **(l)** If:
- 19 (1) a property owner files a statement under subsection (e) to
- 20 claim the deduction provided by this section for a particular
- 21 property; and
- 22 (2) the county auditor receiving the filed statement determines
- 23 that the property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction;
- 24 the county auditor shall inform the property owner of the county
- 25 auditor's determination in writing. If a property owner's property is not
- 26 eligible for the deduction because the county auditor has determined
- 27 that the property is not the property owner's principal place of
- 28 residence, the property owner may appeal the county auditor's
- 29 determination as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The county auditor shall
- 30 inform the property owner of the owner's right to appeal when the
- 31 county auditor informs the property owner of the county auditor's
- 32 determination under this subsection.
- 33 ~~(p)~~ **(m)** An individual is entitled to the deduction under this section
- 34 for a homestead for a particular assessment date if:
- 35 (1) either:
- 36 (A) the individual's interest in the homestead as described in
- 37 subsection (a)(2)(B) is conveyed to the individual after the
- 38 assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the
- 39 assessment date occurs; or
- 40 (B) the individual contracts to purchase the homestead after
- 41 the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the
- 42 assessment date occurs;



- 1 (2) on the assessment date:
 2 (A) the property on which the homestead is currently located
 3 was vacant land; or
 4 (B) the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the
 5 homestead was not completed; and
 6 (3) either:
 7 (A) the individual files the certified statement required by
 8 subsection (e); or
 9 (B) a sales disclosure form that meets the requirements of
 10 section 44 of this chapter is submitted to the county assessor
 11 on or before December 31 of the calendar year for the
 12 individual's purchase of the homestead.

13 An individual who satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (1)
 14 through (3) is entitled to the deduction under this section for the
 15 homestead for the assessment date, even if on the assessment date the
 16 property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land
 17 or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was
 18 not completed. The county auditor shall apply the deduction for the
 19 assessment date and for the assessment date in any later year in which
 20 the homestead remains eligible for the deduction. A homestead that
 21 qualifies for the deduction under this section as provided in this
 22 subsection is considered a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of
 23 this chapter and IC 6-1.1-20.6.

24 ~~(q)~~ (n) This subsection applies to an application for the deduction
 25 provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring
 26 after December 31, 2013. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 27 section, an individual buying a mobile home that is not assessed as real
 28 property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property
 29 under a contract providing that the individual is to pay the property
 30 taxes on the mobile home or manufactured home is not entitled to the
 31 deduction provided by this section unless the parties to the contract
 32 comply with IC 9-17-6-17.

33 ~~(r)~~ (o) This subsection:
 34 (1) applies to an application for the deduction provided by this
 35 section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after
 36 December 31, 2013; and
 37 (2) does not apply to an individual described in subsection ~~(q)~~:
 38 (n).

39 The owner of a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a
 40 manufactured home that is not assessed as real property must attach a
 41 copy of the owner's title to the mobile home or manufactured home to
 42 the application for the deduction provided by this section.



1 ~~(s)~~ **(p)** For assessment dates after 2013, the term "homestead"
2 includes property that is owned by an individual who:

- 3 (1) is serving on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of
4 the United States;
5 (2) was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana; and
6 (3) was otherwise eligible, without regard to this subsection, for
7 the deduction under this section for the property for the
8 assessment date immediately preceding the transfer date specified
9 in the order described in subdivision (2).

10 For property to qualify under this subsection for the deduction provided
11 by this section, the individual described in subdivisions (1) through (3)
12 must submit to the county auditor a copy of the individual's transfer
13 orders or other information sufficient to show that the individual was
14 ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana. The property continues
15 to qualify for the deduction provided by this section until the individual
16 ceases to be on active duty, the property is sold, or the individual's
17 ownership interest is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first.
18 Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the property remains a homestead
19 regardless of whether the property continues to be the individual's
20 principal place of residence after the individual transfers to a location
21 outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify as a homestead
22 under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is
23 away from Indiana and is serving on active duty, if the individual has
24 lived at the property at any time during the past ten (10) years.
25 Otherwise, the property ceases to qualify as a homestead under this
26 subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from
27 Indiana. Property that qualifies as a homestead under this subsection
28 shall also be construed as a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of
29 this chapter.

30 SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-20.6-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-2008,
31 SECTION 218, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
32 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2.5. ~~(a)~~ As used in this
33 chapter, "nonresidential real property" refers to ~~either of the following:~~

34 ~~(A)~~ real property that

35 ~~(A)~~ is not:

- 36 ~~(i)~~ **(1)** a homestead; ~~or~~
37 ~~(ii)~~ **(2)** residential property; ~~and~~
38 **(3) long term care property; or**
39 **(4) agricultural land.**

40 ~~(B)~~ consists of:

- 41 ~~(i)~~ a building or other land improvement; ~~and~~
42 ~~(ii)~~ the land; not exceeding the area of the building footprint



1 or improvement footprint, on which the building or
 2 improvement is located.
 3 (2) Undeveloped land in the amount of the remainder of:
 4 (A) the area of a parcel; minus
 5 (B) the area of the parcel that is part of:
 6 (i) a homestead; or
 7 (ii) residential property.
 8 (b) The term does not include agricultural land.
 9 SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-20.6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.166-2014,
 10 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "residential
 12 property" refers to real property that consists of any of the following:
 13 (1) A single family dwelling that is not part of a homestead and
 14 the land ~~not exceeding one (1) acre~~; on which the dwelling is
 15 located.
 16 (2) Real property that consists of:
 17 (A) a building that includes two (2) or more dwelling units;
 18 (B) any common areas shared by the dwelling units (including
 19 any land that is a common area, as described in section
 20 1.2(b)(2) of this chapter); and
 21 (C) the land on which the building is located.
 22 (3) Land rented or leased for the placement of a manufactured
 23 home or mobile home, including any common areas shared by the
 24 manufactured homes or mobile homes.
 25 **(4) For assessment dates after December 31, 2023, any other**
 26 **land, building, or residential yard structure including a deck,**
 27 **patio, gazebo, or pool that:**
 28 **(A) is not part of a homestead; and**
 29 **(B) is predominantly used for a residential purpose.**
 30 The term includes a single family dwelling that is under construction
 31 and the land ~~not exceeding one (1) acre~~; on which the dwelling will be
 32 located. The term does not include real property that consists of a
 33 commercial hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or tourist cabin.
 34 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024] (a)
 35 **IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, IC 6-1.1-12-37, IC 6-1.1-20.6-2.5, and**
 36 **IC 6-1.1-20.6-4, all as amended by this act, apply to assessment**
 37 **dates after December 31, 2023.**
 38 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 325, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Replace the effective date in SECTION 1 with "[EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]".

Page 1, line 7, reset in roman "including".

Page 1, line 7, delete "limited to".

Page 1, line 7, delete "single".

Page 1, line 8, reset in roman "or".

Page 1, line 8, delete "and a single".

Page 2, line 15, after "that" insert ":

(i)".

Page 2, line 17, delete "." and insert "; and".

Page 2, between lines 17 and 18, begin a new line triple block indented and insert:

"(ii) includes a building located on the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that is used for any residential purpose (regardless of whether the building is connected to the residence) but does not include a building used for business and commercial purposes."

Page 10, delete lines 3 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024] (a) IC 6-1.1-12-37, as amended by this act, applies to assessment dates after December 31, 2023.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027."

Delete pages 11 through 12.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 325 as introduced.)

HOLDMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 1.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 325 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 17, delete "a building" and insert "**an improvement**".

Page 2, line 19, delete "the building" and insert "**the improvement**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "a building" and insert "**an improvement**".

Page 4, line 3, strike "and".

Page 4, line 22, delete "." and insert "; **and**".

Page 4, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(5) if a homestead includes an improvement under subsection (a)(2)(C)(ii) within the homestead boundary (not exceeding one (1) acre), the following:

(A) The location of the improvement within the homestead boundary.

(B) A certification that the improvement is not used for business or commercial purposes.

(C) If the homestead includes more than one (1) improvement under subsection (a)(2)(C)(ii) within the homestead boundary, a statement identifying which of the improvements the individual wishes to claim as part of the individual's homestead."

(Reference is to SB 325 as printed February 22, 2023.)

BUCHANAN

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Senate Bill 325, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2022, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 17.8. (a) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year and who remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction in the following year. However, for

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purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

- (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or
- (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(b) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, or 17.4 (before its expiration) of this chapter in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for the deduction in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for which the individual claims the deduction is located of the individual's ineligibility in the year in which the individual becomes ineligible. An individual who becomes ineligible for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the property is located in conformity with section 37 of this chapter.

(c) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter to each individual who received the deduction in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the deduction.

(d) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for property that is jointly held with another owner in a particular year and remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to reapply for the deduction following the removal of the joint owner if:

- (1) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of the individual's spouse; or
- (2) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of a joint owner who was not the individual's spouse.

If a county auditor terminates a deduction under section 9 of this chapter, a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, or a credit under



IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5 after June 30, 2017, and before May 1, 2019, because the taxpayer claiming the deduction or credit did not comply with a requirement added to this subsection by P.L.255-2017 to reapply for the deduction or credit, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction or credit if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction or credit and is not claiming the deduction or credit for any other property.

(e) A trust entitled to a deduction under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter for real property owned by the trust and occupied by an individual in accordance with section 17.9 of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction, if:

- (1) the individual who occupies the real property receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4 (before its expiration), or 37 of this chapter in a particular year; and
- (2) the trust remains eligible for the deduction in the following year.

However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the individuals that qualify the trust for a deduction must comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013.

(f) A cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) that is entitled to a deduction under section 37 of this chapter in the immediately preceding calendar year for a homestead (as defined in section 37 of this chapter) is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction for the current calendar year if the cooperative housing corporation remains eligible for the deduction for the current calendar year. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

- (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or
- (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(g) An individual who:

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- (1) was eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2007, or January 15, 2008, assessment date; or
- (2) would have been eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2008, or January 15, 2009, assessment date if IC 6-1.1-20.9 had not been repealed;

is not required to file a statement to apply for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter if the individual remains eligible for the deduction in the current year. An individual who filed for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for an assessment date after March 1, 2007 (if the property is real property), or after January 1, 2008 (if the property is personal property), shall be treated as an individual who has filed for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(h) If a county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction and is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

(i) A taxpayer described in section 37(k) of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction provided by section 37 of this chapter for a calendar year beginning after December 31, 2008, if the property owned by the taxpayer remains eligible for the deduction for that calendar year. However, the county auditor may terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual residing on the property owned by the taxpayer does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the



individual residing on the property did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) (expired January 1, 2015) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

- (1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or
- (2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-12-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2022, SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 37. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

- (1) "Dwelling" means any of the following:
 - (A) Residential real property improvements that an individual uses as the individual's residence, ~~including a house or garage~~. **limited to a single house and a single garage, regardless of whether the single garage is attached to the single house or detached from the single house.**
 - (B) A mobile home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.
 - (C) A manufactured home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.
- (2) "Homestead" means an individual's principal place of residence:
 - (A) that is located in Indiana;
 - (B) that:
 - (i) the individual owns;
 - (ii) the individual is buying under a contract recorded in the county recorder's office, or evidenced by a memorandum of contract recorded in the county recorder's office under IC 36-2-11-20, that provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the residence, and that obligates the owner to convey title to the individual upon completion of all of the individual's contract obligations;
 - (iii) the individual is entitled to occupy as a tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) of a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216); or
 - (iv) is a residence described in section 17.9 of this chapter that is owned by a trust if the individual is an individual described in section 17.9 of this chapter; and



(C) that consists of a dwelling, ~~and the real estate, not exceeding up to one (1) acre that immediately surrounds of~~ **land immediately surrounding** that dwelling, **one (1) additional building that is not part of the dwelling and that is predominantly used for a residential purpose, and a deck, patio, gazebo, pool, or another residential yard structure.**

~~Except as provided in subsection (k);~~ The term does not include property owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity not described in this subdivision.

(b) Each year a homestead is eligible for a standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead for an assessment date. Except as provided in subsection ~~(p); (m)~~, the deduction provided by this section applies to property taxes first due and payable for an assessment date only if an individual has an interest in the homestead described in subsection (a)(2)(B) on:

- (1) the assessment date; or
- (2) any date in the same year after an assessment date that a statement is filed under subsection (e) or section 44 of this chapter, if the property consists of real property.

If more than one (1) individual or entity qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) for an assessment date, only one (1) standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead may be applied for the assessment date. Subject to subsection (c), the auditor of the county shall record and make the deduction for the individual or entity qualifying for the deduction.

(c) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total amount of the deduction that a person may receive under this section for a particular year is the lesser of:

- (1) sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property; or
- (2) for assessment dates:
 - (A) before January 1, 2023, forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000); or
 - (B) after December 31, 2022, forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000).

(d) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this



section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(e) Except as provided in sections 17.8 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by this section must file a certified statement on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located. The statement must include:

- (1) the parcel number or key number of the property and the name of the city, town, or township in which the property is located;
- (2) the name of any other location in which the applicant or the applicant's spouse owns, is buying, or has a beneficial interest in residential real property;
- (3) the names of:
 - (A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse (if any):
 - (i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or
 - (ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;
 if the applicant is an individual; or
 - (B) each individual who qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) and the individual's spouse (if any):
 - (i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or
 - (ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;
 if the applicant is not an individual; and
 - (4) either:
 - (A) the last five (5) digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the last five (5) digits of the Social Security number of the applicant's spouse (if any); or
 - (B) if the applicant or the applicant's spouse (if any) does not have a Social Security number, any of the following for that individual:
 - (i) The last five (5) digits of the individual's driver's license number.
 - (ii) The last five (5) digits of the individual's state identification card number.



(iii) The last five (5) digits of a preparer tax identification number that is obtained by the individual through the Internal Revenue Service of the United States.

(iv) If the individual does not have a driver's license, a state identification card, or an Internal Revenue Service preparer tax identification number, the last five (5) digits of a control number that is on a document issued to the individual by the United States government.

If a form or statement provided to the county auditor under this section, IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, or IC 6-1.1-22.5-12 includes the telephone number or part or all of the Social Security number of a party or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) of a party, the telephone number and the Social Security number or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) included are confidential. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If the statement is mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement applies for that first year and any succeeding year for which the deduction is allowed. To obtain the deduction for a desired calendar year in which property taxes are first due and payable, the statement must be completed and dated in the immediately preceding calendar year and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the calendar year in which the property taxes are first due and payable.

(f) Except as provided in subsection ~~(n)~~; **(k)**, if a person who is receiving, or seeks to receive, the deduction provided by this section in the person's name:

(1) changes the use of the individual's property so that part or all of the property no longer qualifies for the deduction under this section; or

(2) is not eligible for a deduction under this section because the person is already receiving:

(A) a deduction under this section in the person's name as an individual or a spouse; or

(B) a deduction under the law of another state that is equivalent to the deduction provided by this section;

the person must file a certified statement with the auditor of the county, notifying the auditor of the person's ineligibility, not more than sixty (60) days after the date of the change in eligibility. A person who fails to file the statement required by this subsection may, under IC 6-1.1-36-17, be liable for any additional taxes that would have been due on the property if the person had filed the statement as required by this subsection plus a civil penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the additional taxes due. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection



is in addition to any interest and penalties for a delinquent payment that might otherwise be due. One percent (1%) of the total civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be transferred by the county to the department of local government finance for use by the department in establishing and maintaining the homestead property data base under subsection (i) and, to the extent there is money remaining, for any other purposes of the department. This amount becomes part of the property tax liability for purposes of this article.

(g) The department of local government finance may adopt rules or guidelines concerning the application for a deduction under this section.

(h) This subsection does not apply to property in the first year for which a deduction is claimed under this section if the sole reason that a deduction is claimed on other property is that the individual or married couple maintained a principal residence at the other property on the assessment date in the same year in which an application for a deduction is filed under this section or, if the application is for a homestead that is assessed as personal property, on the assessment date in the immediately preceding year and the individual or married couple is moving the individual's or married couple's principal residence to the property that is the subject of the application. Except as provided in subsection ~~(n)~~; **(k)**, the county auditor may not grant an individual or a married couple a deduction under this section if:

(1) the individual or married couple, for the same year, claims the deduction on two (2) or more different applications for the deduction; and

(2) the applications claim the deduction for different property.

(i) The department of local government finance shall provide secure access to county auditors to a homestead property data base that includes access to the homestead owner's name and the numbers required from the homestead owner under subsection (e)(4) for the sole purpose of verifying whether an owner is wrongly claiming a deduction under this chapter or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-1.1-20.6, or IC 6-3.6-5 (after December 31, 2016). Each county auditor shall submit data on deductions applicable to the current tax year on or before March 15 of each year in a manner prescribed by the department of local government finance.

(j) A county auditor may require an individual to provide evidence proving that the individual's residence is the individual's principal place of residence as claimed in the certified statement filed under subsection (e). The county auditor may limit the evidence that an individual is required to submit to a state income tax return, a valid driver's license,



or a valid voter registration card showing that the residence for which the deduction is claimed is the individual's principal place of residence. The department of local government finance shall work with county auditors to develop procedures to determine whether a property owner that is claiming a standard deduction or homestead credit is not eligible for the standard deduction or homestead credit because the property owner's principal place of residence is outside Indiana.

(k) As used in this section, "homestead" includes property that satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (1) The property is located in Indiana and consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling;
- (2) The property is the principal place of residence of an individual;
- (3) The property is owned by an entity that is not described in subsection (a)(2)(B);
- (4) The individual residing on the property is a shareholder, partner, or member of the entity that owns the property;
- (5) The property was eligible for the standard deduction under this section on March 1, 2009;

(l) If a county auditor terminates a deduction for property described in subsection (k) with respect to property taxes that are:

- (1) imposed for an assessment date in 2009; and
- (2) first due and payable in 2010;

on the grounds that the property is not owned by an entity described in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the property is eligible for the deduction in accordance with subsection (k) and that the individual residing on the property is not claiming the deduction for any other property:

- (m) For assessment dates after 2009, the term "homestead" includes:
- (1) a deck or patio;
 - (2) a gazebo; or
 - (3) another residential yard structure, as defined in rules adopted by the department of local government finance (other than a swimming pool);

that is assessed as real property and attached to the dwelling:

(n) (k) A county auditor shall grant an individual a deduction under this section regardless of whether the individual and the individual's spouse claim a deduction on two (2) different applications and each application claims a deduction for different property if the property owned by the individual's spouse is located outside Indiana and the



individual files an affidavit with the county auditor containing the following information:

- (1) The names of the county and state in which the individual's spouse claims a deduction substantially similar to the deduction allowed by this section.
- (2) A statement made under penalty of perjury that the following are true:
 - (A) That the individual and the individual's spouse maintain separate principal places of residence.
 - (B) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has an ownership interest in the other's principal place of residence.
 - (C) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has, for that same year, claimed a standard or substantially similar deduction for any property other than the property maintained as a principal place of residence by the respective individuals.

A county auditor may require an individual or an individual's spouse to provide evidence of the accuracy of the information contained in an affidavit submitted under this subsection. The evidence required of the individual or the individual's spouse may include state income tax returns, excise tax payment information, property tax payment information, driver license information, and voter registration information.

~~(e)~~ **(l)** If:

- (1) a property owner files a statement under subsection (e) to claim the deduction provided by this section for a particular property; and
 - (2) the county auditor receiving the filed statement determines that the property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction;
- the county auditor shall inform the property owner of the county auditor's determination in writing. If a property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction because the county auditor has determined that the property is not the property owner's principal place of residence, the property owner may appeal the county auditor's determination as provided in IC 6-1.1-15. The county auditor shall inform the property owner of the owner's right to appeal when the county auditor informs the property owner of the county auditor's determination under this subsection.

~~(p)~~ **(m)** An individual is entitled to the deduction under this section for a homestead for a particular assessment date if:

- (1) either:
 - (A) the individual's interest in the homestead as described in



- subsection (a)(2)(B) is conveyed to the individual after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs; or
- (B) the individual contracts to purchase the homestead after the assessment date, but within the calendar year in which the assessment date occurs;
- (2) on the assessment date:
- (A) the property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land; or
- (B) the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed; and
- (3) either:
- (A) the individual files the certified statement required by subsection (e); or
- (B) a sales disclosure form that meets the requirements of section 44 of this chapter is submitted to the county assessor on or before December 31 of the calendar year for the individual's purchase of the homestead.

An individual who satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (1) through (3) is entitled to the deduction under this section for the homestead for the assessment date, even if on the assessment date the property on which the homestead is currently located was vacant land or the construction of the dwelling that constitutes the homestead was not completed. The county auditor shall apply the deduction for the assessment date and for the assessment date in any later year in which the homestead remains eligible for the deduction. A homestead that qualifies for the deduction under this section as provided in this subsection is considered a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter and IC 6-1.1-20.6.

~~(c)~~ **(n)** This subsection applies to an application for the deduction provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual buying a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property under a contract providing that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the mobile home or manufactured home is not entitled to the deduction provided by this section unless the parties to the contract comply with IC 9-17-6-17.

~~(r)~~ **(o)** This subsection:

- (1) applies to an application for the deduction provided by this section that is filed for an assessment date occurring after December 31, 2013; and



(2) does not apply to an individual described in subsection ~~(q)~~:
(n).

The owner of a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property must attach a copy of the owner's title to the mobile home or manufactured home to the application for the deduction provided by this section.

~~(s)~~ **(p)** For assessment dates after 2013, the term "homestead" includes property that is owned by an individual who:

- (1) is serving on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States;
- (2) was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana; and
- (3) was otherwise eligible, without regard to this subsection, for the deduction under this section for the property for the assessment date immediately preceding the transfer date specified in the order described in subdivision (2).

For property to qualify under this subsection for the deduction provided by this section, the individual described in subdivisions (1) through (3) must submit to the county auditor a copy of the individual's transfer orders or other information sufficient to show that the individual was ordered to transfer to a location outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify for the deduction provided by this section until the individual ceases to be on active duty, the property is sold, or the individual's ownership interest is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the property remains a homestead regardless of whether the property continues to be the individual's principal place of residence after the individual transfers to a location outside Indiana. The property continues to qualify as a homestead under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from Indiana and is serving on active duty, if the individual has lived at the property at any time during the past ten (10) years. Otherwise, the property ceases to qualify as a homestead under this subsection if the property is leased while the individual is away from Indiana. Property that qualifies as a homestead under this subsection shall also be construed as a homestead for purposes of section 37.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-20.6-2.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 218, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2.5. ~~(a)~~ As used in this chapter, "nonresidential real property" refers to ~~either of the following:~~

- ~~(1)~~ real property that
 - ~~(A)~~ is not:
 - ~~(i)~~ **(1)** a homestead; ~~or~~



- (ii) (2) residential property; and
- (3) long term care property; or**
- (4) agricultural land.**

(B) consists of:

- (i) a building or other land improvement; and
- (ii) the land, not exceeding the area of the building footprint or improvement footprint, on which the building or improvement is located.

(2) Undeveloped land in the amount of the remainder of:

- (A) the area of a parcel; minus
- (B) the area of the parcel that is part of:
 - (i) a homestead; or
 - (ii) residential property.

(b) The term does not include agricultural land.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-20.6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.166-2014, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "residential property" refers to real property that consists of any of the following:

- (1) A single family dwelling that is not part of a homestead and the land ~~not exceeding one (1) acre~~, on which the dwelling is located.
- (2) Real property that consists of:
 - (A) a building that includes two (2) or more dwelling units;
 - (B) any common areas shared by the dwelling units (including any land that is a common area, as described in section 1.2(b)(2) of this chapter); and
 - (C) the land on which the building is located.
- (3) Land rented or leased for the placement of a manufactured home or mobile home, including any common areas shared by the manufactured homes or mobile homes.
- (4) For assessment dates after December 31, 2023, any other land, building, or residential yard structure including a deck, patio, gazebo, or pool that:**
 - (A) is not part of a homestead; and**
 - (B) is predominantly used for a residential purpose.**

The term includes a single family dwelling that is under construction and the land ~~not exceeding one (1) acre~~, on which the dwelling will be located. The term does not include real property that consists of a commercial hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or tourist cabin.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024] (a) IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, IC 6-1.1-12-37, IC 6-1.1-20.6-2.5, and IC 6-1.1-20.6-4, all as amended by this act, apply to assessment



dates after December 31, 2023.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2027."

Delete pages 2 through 10.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 325 as reprinted February 28, 2023.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 21, nays 0.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 325 be amended to read as follows:

Page 5, delete lines 33 through 39, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

"(C) that:

(i) consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding and up to one (1) acre that immediately surrounds of land immediately surrounding that dwelling; and

(ii) may include any number of decks, patios, gazebos, or pools, one (1) additional building that is not part of the dwelling and that is predominantly used for a residential purpose, and one (1) additional residential yard structure other than a deck, patio, gazebo, or pool."

(Reference is to ESB 325 as printed April 6, 2023.)

THOMPSON



HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 325 be amended to read as follows:

Page 5, line 37, delete "purpose," and insert "**purpose (but does not include an investment property or rental property),**".

(Reference is to ESB 325 as printed April 6, 2023.)

PRYOR

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Senate Bill 325 be returned to the second reading calendar forthwith for the purpose of amendment.

THOMPSON

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 325 be amended to read as follows:

Page 5, delete lines 33 through 42, begin a new line double block indented and insert:

"(C) that consists of a dwelling ~~and the real estate, not exceeding and includes up to~~ one (1) acre ~~that immediately surrounds of land immediately surrounding~~ that dwelling, **and any of the following improvements:**

(i) Any number of decks, patios, gazebos, or pools.

(ii) One (1) additional building that is not part of the dwelling if the building is predominantly used for a residential purpose and is not used as an investment property or as a rental property.

(iii) One (1) additional residential yard structure other than a deck, patio, gazebo, or pool."

(Reference is to ESB 325 as reprinted April 12, 2023.)

THOMPSON

