

# HOUSE BILL No. 1146

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1-54.

**Synopsis:** Homestead property tax freeze. Freezes an individual's property tax liability attributable to the individual's homestead based on the date on which the individual acquired an ownership interest in the homestead.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 5, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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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 6-1.1-54 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]:

4       **Chapter 54. Property Tax Liability Freeze on Homesteads**

5       **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "homestead" has the meaning set  
6 forth in IC 6-1.1-12-37.

7       **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "property tax liability" means  
8 liability for the tax imposed on property under this article  
9 determined after application of all credits and deductions under  
10 this article. The term does not include any interest or penalty  
11 imposed under this article.

12       **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "qualified interest" refers to an  
13 interest described in IC 6-1.1-12-37(a)(2)(B).

14       **Sec. 4. (a)** Beginning with property taxes first due and payable  
15 in the 2027 calendar year, and for property taxes first due and  
16 payable in each subsequent calendar year, an individual is entitled  
17 to a determination of property tax liability with respect to the



individual's homestead under this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the property tax liability of an individual for property taxes first due and payable in a particular calendar year with respect to the individual's homestead is equal to the following amount:

(1) In the case of a homestead in which the individual acquired a qualified interest before January 1, 2026, the amount of property tax liability attributable to the homestead for property taxes first due and payable in the 2026 calendar year.

(2) In the case of a homestead in which the individual acquired a qualified interest after December 31, 2025, the lesser of the:

(A) amount of property tax liability attributable to the homestead for the assessment date in the calendar year in which the individual acquired a qualified interest in the homestead; or

(B) lowest amount of property tax liability attributable to the homestead for property taxes first due and payable in a calendar year that is after the calendar year in which the individual acquired a qualified interest in the homestead.

(c) If a physical change to the homestead results in an increased assessment of the homestead for an assessment date after the date on which an individual acquires a qualified interest in the homestead, the property tax liability of an individual for property taxes first due and payable in subsequent calendar years with respect to the homestead is the sum of the:

(1) amount of the individual's property tax liability attributable to the homestead otherwise determined under subsection (b) for the calendar year; plus

(2) amount of the individual's property tax liability that is directly attributable to the physical change in the homestead for property taxes first due and payable in the first calendar year for which the new assessment would otherwise result in increased property tax liability with respect to the homestead if not for the application of this chapter.

(d) The property tax liability for a homestead determined under this section for property taxes first due and payable in a calendar year is considered for all purposes to be property taxes imposed by the state or a political subdivision in which the homestead is located.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other law, the property tax liability



1 determined under this chapter for a homestead for property taxes  
2 first due and payable in a calendar year is the only property tax  
3 liability to which the homestead is subject for that year.

4 Sec. 6. The auditor of the county shall apply the provisions of  
5 this chapter to a determination of property tax liability for an  
6 individual's homestead as set forth under this chapter.

7 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) IC 6-1.1-54, as  
8 added by this act, applies to property taxes first due and payable  
9 beginning in calendar years after December 31, 2026.

10 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2029.

