HOUSE BILL NO. 5225

November 05, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Hoskins, Edwards, Breen, MacDonell, Martus, O'Neal, Grant, B. Carter, Young, Scott, Outman and Wortz and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled

"The general property tax act,"

by amending section 51 (MCL 211.51), as amended by 2012 PA 57.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 51. (1) If a township treasurer does not file ~~his or her~~ **the township treasurer's** bond with the county treasurer as prescribed by law and the township board fails to appoint a treasurer to give the bond and deliver a receipt for the bond to the supervisor by December 10, the supervisor shall deliver the tax roll with the necessary warrant directed to the county treasurer, who shall make the collection and return of taxes. The county treasurer, pursuant to the adoption of a resolution by the county board of commissioners, has the same powers and duties to add a property tax administration fee, a late penalty charge, and interest to all taxes collected as conferred ~~upon~~ **on** a township treasurer under section 44. The excess of the amount of property tax administration fees over the expense to the county in collecting the taxes ~~shall~~ **must** be returned to the township, and the remainder of the property tax administration fees and any late penalty charges imposed ~~shall~~ **must** be credited to the county general fund. For the purpose of collecting the taxes, the county treasurer is vested with all the powers conferred ~~upon~~ **on** the township treasurer and an action may be brought on the county treasurer's bond under the same circumstances as on those of a township treasurer.

(2) A local tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax shall defer the collection of summer property taxes against the following property for which a deferment is claimed until the following February 15:

(a) The principal residence of a taxpayer who meets both of the following conditions:

(*i*) Meets 1 or more of the following conditions:

(A) Is a totally and permanently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, as these persons are defined in chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.501 to 206.532.

(B) Is 62 years of age or older, including the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

(*ii*) For the prior ~~taxable~~ **tax** year had a total household income of the following:

(A) For taxes levied before January 1, 2005, $25,000.00, or less.

(B) For taxes levied after December 31, 2004 and before January 1, 2006, $35,000.00, or less.

(C) For taxes levied after December 31, 2005 and before January 1, 2007, $37,500.00, or less.

(D) For taxes levied after December 31, 2006 **and before January 1,** ~~,~~ **2027**, $40,000.00, or less.

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this sub-subparagraph, for taxes levied after December 31, 2026, $60,000.00, or less. By December 31, 2031 and at the end of each 5-year period after 2031, the state treasurer shall adjust the limitation described in this sub-subparagraph or, for each adjustment after December 31, 2031, each adjusted limitation, by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative change in the United States Consumer Price Index for the 5-year period ending on the September 30 preceding the adjustment date and rounded to the nearest $1,000.00. As used in this sub-subparagraph, "United States Consumer Price Index" means the United States Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as defined and reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(b) Property classified or used as agricultural real property if the gross receipts of the agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year or the average gross receipts of the operations in the previous 3 years are not less than the household income of the owner in the previous year or the combined household incomes in the previous year of the individual members of a limited liability company or partners of a partnership that owns the agricultural real property. A limited liability company or partnership may claim the deferment under this section only if the individual members of the limited liability company or partners of the partnership qualified for the deferment under this section before the individual members or partners formed the limited liability company or partnership.

(3) A taxpayer may claim a deferment ~~provided by~~ **under** subsection (2) by filing with the treasurer of the local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit an intent to defer the summer property taxes that are due and payable in that year without penalty or interest. Taxes deferred under subsection (2) that are not paid by the following February 15 are not subject to penalties or interest for the period of deferment.

(4) The intent statement required by subsection (3) ~~shall~~ **must** be on a form prescribed and provided by the department of treasury to the treasurer of the local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit.

(5) The treasurer of the local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax shall do **both of** the following:

(a) Cause a notice of the availability of the deferment to be published in a newspaper of general circulation ~~within~~ **in** the local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit or to be included as an insertion with the tax bill.

(b) Assist persons in completing the deferment form.

(6) If a local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax also collects a winter property tax in the same year, a statement of the amount of taxes deferred ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (2) ~~shall~~ **must** be in the December tax statement mailed

by the local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit for each summer property tax payment that was deferred from collection. If a local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit that collects a summer property tax does not collect a winter property tax in the same year, it shall mail a statement of the amount of taxes deferred under subsection (2) at the same time December tax statements are required to be mailed under section 44.

(7) Persons eligible for deferment of summer property taxes under subsection (2) may file their intent to defer until September 15 or the time the tax would otherwise become subject to interest or a late penalty charge for late payment, whichever is later.

(8) To the extent permitted by the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or the charter of a local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit, a local ~~property~~ tax collecting unit may provide for the levy and collection of summer property taxes. The terms and conditions of collection established by or under an agreement executed pursuant to the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or the charter of a local tax collecting unit govern a summer property tax levy.

(9) As used in this section:

(a) "Principal residence" means property exempt under section 7cc.

(b) "Summer property tax" means a levy of ad valorem property taxes that first becomes a lien before December 1 of any calendar year.