

## **SENATE MOTION**

## MR. PRESIDENT:

**I move** that Engrossed House Bill 1001 be amended to read as follows:

1	Page 91, between lines 42 and 43, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2	"SECTION 66. IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.159-2020,
3	SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4	JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 8.1. (a) The county treasurer shall:
5	(1) except as provided in subsection (h), mail to the last known
6	address of each person liable for any property taxes or special
7	assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment
8	records, or to the last known address of the most recent owner
9	shown in the transfer book; and
10	(2) transmit by written, electronic, or other means to a mortgagee
11	maintaining an escrow account for a person who is liable for any
12	property taxes or special assessments, as shown on the tax
13	duplicate or special assessment records;
14	a statement in the form required under subsection (b).
15	(b) The department of local government finance shall prescribe a
16	form, subject to the approval of the state board of accounts, for the
17	statement under subsection (a) that includes at least the following:
18	(1) A statement of the taxpayer's current and delinquent taxes and
19	special assessments.
20	(2) A breakdown showing the total property tax and special
21	assessment liability and the amount of the taxpayer's liability that
22	will be distributed to each taxing unit in the county.
23	(3) An itemized listing for each property tax levy, including:
24	(A) the amount of the tax rate;
25	(B) the entity levying the tax owed; and
26	(C) the dollar amount of the tax owed.
27	(4) Information designed to show the manner in which the taxes

1	and special assessments billed in the tax statement are to be used.
2	(5) Information regarding how a taxpayer can obtain information
3	regarding the taxpayer's notice of assessment or reassessment
4	under IC 6-1.1-4-22.
5	(6) A comparison showing any change in the assessed valuation
6	for the property as compared to the previous year.
7	(7) A comparison showing any change in the property tax and
8	special assessment liability for the property as compared to the
9	previous year. The information required under this subdivision
10	must identify:
11	(A) the amount of the taxpayer's liability distributable to each
12	taxing unit in which the property is located in the current year
13	and in the previous year; and
14	(B) the percentage change, if any, in the amount of the
15	taxpayer's liability distributable to each taxing unit in which
16	the property is located from the previous year to the current
17	year.
18	(8) An explanation of the following:
19	(A) Homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.6-5, or
20	another law that are available in the taxing district where the
21	property is located.
22 23 24	(B) All property tax deductions that are available in the taxing
23	district where the property is located.
	(C) The procedure and deadline for filing for any available
25	homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.6-5, or another
26	law and each deduction.
27	(D) The procedure that a taxpayer must follow to:
28	(i) appeal a current assessment; or
29	(ii) petition for the correction of an error related to the
30 31	taxpayer's property tax and special assessment liability.
32	(E) The forms that must be filed for an appeal or a petition
33	described in clause (D).  (E) The precedure and deadline that a toynover must follow
34	(F) The procedure and deadline that a taxpayer must follow and the forms that must be used if a credit or deduction has
35	been granted for the property and the taxpayer is no longer
36	eligible for the credit or deduction.
37	(G) Notice that an appeal described in clause (D) requires
38	evidence relevant to the true tax value of the taxpayer's
39	property as of the assessment date that is the basis for the taxes
40	payable on that property.
41	The department of local government finance shall provide the
42	explanation required by this subdivision to each county treasurer.
43	(9) A checklist that shows:
<del>1</del> 3 44	(A) homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.6-5, or
45	another law and all property tax deductions; and
16	(R) whether each homestead credit and property tax deduction

applies in the current statement for the property transmitted under subsection (a).

- (10) A remittance coupon indicating the payment amounts due at each payment due date and other information determined by the department of local government finance.
- (11) An explanation of the additional homestead credit provided by IC 6-1.1-52.5, including whether the credit is available as described in IC 6-1.1-52.5-7, the eligibility requirements, and the procedure and deadline that a taxpayer must follow to claim the credit.
- (c) The county treasurer shall mail or transmit the statement one (1) time each year on or before April 15. Whenever a person's tax liability for a year is due in one (1) installment under IC 6-1.1-7-7 or section 9 of this chapter, a statement that is mailed must include the date on which the installment is due and denote the amount of money to be paid for the installment. Whenever a person's tax liability is due in two (2) installments, a statement that is mailed must contain the dates on which the first and second installments are due and denote the amount of money to be paid for each installment. If a statement is returned to the county treasurer as undeliverable and the forwarding order is expired, the county treasurer shall notify the county auditor of this fact. Upon receipt of the county treasurer's notice, the county auditor may, at the county auditor's discretion, treat the property as not being eligible for any deductions under IC 6-1.1-12 or any homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4 and IC 6-3.6-5.
- (d) All payments of property taxes and special assessments shall be made to the county treasurer. The county treasurer, when authorized by the board of county commissioners, may open temporary offices for the collection of taxes in cities and towns in the county other than the county seat.
- (e) The county treasurer, county auditor, and county assessor shall cooperate to generate the information to be included in the statement under subsection (b).
- (f) The information to be included in the statement under subsection (b) must be simply and clearly presented and understandable to the average individual.
- (g) After December 31, 2007, a reference in a law or rule to IC 6-1.1-22-8 (expired January 1, 2008, and repealed) shall be treated as a reference to this section.
- (h) Transmission of statements and other information under this subsection applies in a county only if the county legislative body adopts an authorizing ordinance. Subject to subsection (i), in a county in which an ordinance is adopted under this subsection for property taxes and special assessments, a person may, in any manner permitted by subsection (n), direct the county treasurer and county auditor to transmit the following to the person by electronic mail:

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1	(1) A statement that would otherwise be sent by the county
2	treasurer to the person by regular mail under subsection (a)(1),
3	including a statement that reflects installment payment due dates
4	under section 9.5 or 9.7 of this chapter.
5	(2) A provisional tax statement that would otherwise be sent by
6	the county treasurer to the person by regular mail under
7	IC 6-1.1-22.5-6.
8	(3) A reconciling tax statement that would otherwise be sent by
9	the county treasurer to the person by regular mail under any of the
10	following:
11	(A) Section 9 of this chapter.
12	(B) Section 9.7 of this chapter.
13	(C) IC 6-1.1-22.5-12, including a statement that reflects
14	installment payment due dates under IC 6-1.1-22.5-18.5.
15	(4) Any other information that:
16	(A) concerns the property taxes or special assessments; and
17	(B) would otherwise be sent:
18	(i) by the county treasurer or the county auditor to the person
19	by regular mail; and
20	(ii) before the last date the property taxes or special
21	assessments may be paid without becoming delinquent.
22	The information listed in this subsection may be transmitted to a person
23	by using electronic mail that provides a secure Internet link to the
24	information.
25	(i) For property with respect to which more than one (1) person is
26	liable for property taxes and special assessments, subsection (h) applies
27	only if all the persons liable for property taxes and special assessments
28	designate the electronic mail address for only one (1) individual
29	authorized to receive the statements and other information referred to
30	in subsection (h).
31	(j) The department of local government finance shall create a form
32	to be used to implement subsection (h). The county treasurer and
33	county auditor shall:
34	(1) make the form created under this subsection available to the
35	public;
36	(2) transmit a statement or other information by electronic mail
37	under subsection (h) to a person who files, on or before March 15,
38	the form created under this subsection:
39	(A) with the county treasurer; or
40	(B) with the county auditor; and
41	(3) publicize the availability of the electronic mail option under
42	this subsection through appropriate media in a manner reasonably
43	designed to reach members of the public.
44	(k) The form referred to in subsection (j) must:
45	(1) explain that a form filed as described in subsection (j)(2)
46	remains in effect until the person files a replacement form to:

1	(A) change the person's electronic mail address; or
2	(B) terminate the electronic mail option under subsection (h);
3	and
4	(2) allow a person to do at least the following with respect to the
5	electronic mail option under subsection (h):
6	(A) Exercise the option.
7	(B) Change the person's electronic mail address.
8	(C) Terminate the option.
9	(D) For a person other than an individual, designate the
10	electronic mail address for only one (1) individual authorized
11	to receive the statements and other information referred to in
12	subsection (h).
13	(E) For property with respect to which more than one (1)
14	person is liable for property taxes and special assessments,
15	designate the electronic mail address for only one (1)
16	individual authorized to receive the statements and other
17	information referred to in subsection (h).
18	(1) The form created under subsection (j) is considered filed with the
19	county treasurer or the county auditor on the postmark date or on the
20	date it is electronically submitted. If the postmark is missing or
21	illegible, the postmark is considered to be one (1) day before the date
22	of receipt of the form by the county treasurer or the county auditor.
23	(m) The county treasurer shall maintain a record that shows at least
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	the following:
25	(1) Each person to whom a statement or other information is
26	transmitted by electronic mail under this section.
27	(2) The information included in the statement.
28	(3) Whether the county treasurer received a notice that the
29	person's electronic mail was undeliverable.
30	(n) A person may direct the county treasurer and county auditor to
31	transmit information by electronic mail under subsection (h) on a form
32	prescribed by the department submitted:
33	(1) in person;
34	(2) by mail; or
35	(3) in an online format developed by the county and approved by
36	the department.
37	SECTION 67. IC 6-1.1-52.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
38	AS A <b>NEW</b> CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39	JULY 1, 2025]:
40	Chapter 52.5. Additional Homestead Property Tax Credit
41	Sec. 1. This chapter applies to property taxes first due and
42	payable:
43	(1) after January 1 of the year that immediately succeeds the
44	year in which the balance in the pension stabilization fund
45	established by IC 5-10.4-2-5 is sufficient to pay the liabilities
46	of the pre-1996 account (as defined in IC 5-10.2-1-5.5) without

- the need for further appropriation by the general assembly as determined in section 7 of this chapter; and
  - (2) in each calendar year beginning after December 31 of the calendar year described in subdivision (1).
- Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "property tax liability" means liability for the tax imposed on property under this article determined after application of all credits and deductions under this article or IC 6-3.6, except the credit under this chapter, but does not include any interest or penalty imposed under this article.
- Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "qualified homestead" means real property that:
  - (1) is receiving a homestead standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37; and
  - (2) has a gross assessed value (as defined by IC 6-1.1-20.6-6) of not more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).
- Sec. 4. A person is entitled to a credit against the person's property tax liability for property taxes attributable to the person's qualified homestead. The amount of the credit is one hundred percent (100%) of the property tax liability attributable to the person's qualified homestead.
- Sec. 5. (a) A person who receives the homestead standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37 on a qualified homestead is entitled to the credit provided by this chapter and must apply for the credit under this chapter in a manner similar to the application process for the homestead standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.
- (b) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply the credit to each person who received the credit in the preceding year unless the county auditor determines that the person is no longer eligible for the credit.
- (c) An individual who receives a credit under this chapter in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for the credit in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located of the individual's ineligibility not later than sixty (60) days after the individual becomes ineligible.
- Sec. 6. The termination of the homestead standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37 on a qualified homestead terminates the credit provided under this chapter.

Sec. 7. (a) On or before March 1, 2026, and on or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, the Indiana public retirement system shall determine whether the balance of the pension stabilization fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-5 is sufficient to pay the liabilities of the pre-1996 account (as defined in IC 5-10.2-1-5.5) without the need for an appropriation by the general assembly. The Indiana public retirement system shall make the calculation and certify the determination under this section to the budget committee, the department of local government finance, and the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6

 on or before March 1, 2026, and on or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. The exemption under section 3 of this chapter first applies to the assessment date of the year that immediately succeeds the year in which the Indiana public retirement system certifies under this subsection that the balance of the pension stabilization fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-5 is sufficient to pay the liabilities of the pre-1996 account (as defined in IC 5-10.2-1-5.5) without the need for an appropriation by the general assembly.

(b) The legislative services agency shall prepare legislation for introduction in the regular session of the general assembly that is convened in the year immediately succeeding the year in which the Indiana public retirement system certifies that the balance of the pension stabilization fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-5 is sufficient to pay the liabilities of the pre-1996 account (as defined in IC 5-10.2-1-5.5) without the need for an appropriation by the general assembly to correct cross-references and make other changes to the Indiana Code, as necessary, relating to the application of the credit provided under this chapter and implementation of the homestead property tax replacement distributions under IC 6-1.1-53.

SECTION 68. IC 6-1.1-53 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

**Chapter 53. Homestead Property Tax Replacement Distributions** 

- Sec. 1. This chapter applies beginning January 1 of the year in which the additional homestead credit provided under IC 6-1.1-52.5 is first applicable under IC 6-1.1-52.5-1.
- Sec. 2. (a) The department of local government finance shall determine for each county a homestead property tax replacement amount for the following year.
- (b) A county's property tax replacement amount is the amount of net property taxes that would be first due and payable in the following year in the county on all qualified homesteads (as defined in IC 6-1.1-52.5-3). This determination shall be made by using the net property tax liability (including any property tax liability imposed in a voter approved referendum) on the qualified homesteads (as defined in IC 6-1.1-52.5-3) before applying the additional homestead credit provided by IC 6-1.1-52.5 and after applying all assessed value deductions, credits, or abatements provided under any other law.
- (c) Not later than August 1 each year, the department of local government finance shall certify in writing to each county auditor the amount of the county's certified property tax replacement amount for the following year. Each taxing unit in a county is entitled to receive its allocation of the certified property tax

replacement amount based on the amount that each taxing unit

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2	would have received in property taxes if the additional homestead
3	credit provided under IC 6-1.1-52.5 were not applied.
4	Sec. 3. A taxing unit shall treat the amount certified for a year
5	as property tax revenue for the purpose of fixing the taxing unit's
6	budget for that budget year.
7	Sec. 4. Each distribution under this chapter shall be made by the
8	state comptroller to the appropriate county treasurer. The
9	distribution for a year shall be made to the county treasurer in two
10	(2) equal installments. The first installment shall be made on the
11	first business day in May each year. The second installment shall
12	be made on the first business day in November each year. The
13	county auditor shall credit each installment to each taxing unit in
14	the county at the same time and in the same manner as property
15	taxes are credited.
16	Sec. 5. A taxing unit shall treat revenue received under this
17	chapter as property tax revenue. However, the county auditor shall
18	report distributions to taxing units separately from property tax
19	proceeds in the county's data submission under IC 5-14-3.8-9.
20	Sec. 6. There is annually appropriated from the state general
21	fund an amount sufficient to provide distributions under this
22	chapter in each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2031.".
23	Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
	(Reference is to EHB 1001 as printed April 11, 2025.)

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