

HB 1735 -- Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens

Sponsor: Morris

This bill allows qualified individuals to defer payment of the current real property tax assessed on real estate owned and occupied as the principal residence of the individual until the property is sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of. The total amount of the taxes deferred plus 10% interest would be due when the individual disposes of the property. If the individual ceases to occupy the residence, the deferred taxes would become due and payable on January 1 of the following year.

To qualify, an individual must be 65 or older and meet certain income requirements. The federal adjusted gross income of the individual must be \$50,000 or less if the filing status is single, head of household, qualified widow, or widower with dependent child. If the filing status is married filing jointly, the federal adjusted gross income must be more than \$50,000 but less than \$75,000.

The bill will become effective January 1, 2005.