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NO SCHOOL TAXES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill 4208
Sponsor: Rep. William J. Runco
Committee: Taxation

Complete to 6-30-89

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4208 AS INTRODUCED 2-16-89

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to provide an exemption from school property taxes for people who are 62 years old or more and who have household incomes of \$20,000 or less. The bill would require the state to reimburse local units of government for the lost revenue.

People claiming the exemption would file an affidavit with the local assessing officer. The information in the claims could be used to determine eligibility for the credit and for statistical or audit purposes, but could not be open for public inspection. Local treasurers would submit a statement to the Department of Treasury that included descriptions of parcels of property for which exemptions were claimed, names and addresses of people claiming the exemption, and the amount of taxes exempted, and the state treasurer would reimburse each local unit for lost revenue. The department would have to estimate the annual expense of the exemption, and the expense would have to be met by a specific appropriation in the budget.

The bill would take effect December 31, 1990.

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