## **SENATE BILL No. 520**

May 27, 2003, Introduced by Senators BROWN, JELINEK, McMANUS, KUIPERS, SWITALSKI, BASHAM, BIRKHOLZ, GARCIA, TOY, GEORGE, GOSCHKA, HARDIMAN, HAMMERSTROM, CROPSEY, BARCIA, ALLEN and BRATER and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled

"The general property tax act,"

by amending sections 7cc and 53b (MCL 211.7cc and 211.53b), as amended by 2002 PA 624.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7cc. (1) A homestead is exempt from the tax levied by
- 2 a local school district for school operating purposes to the
- 3 extent provided under section 1211 of the revised school code,
- 4 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211, if an owner of that homestead claims
- 5 an exemption as provided in this section. Notwithstanding the
- 6 tax day provided in section 2, the status of property as a
- 7 homestead shall be determined on the date an affidavit claiming
- 8 an exemption is filed under subsection (2).
  - (2) An owner of property may claim an exemption under this section by filing an affidavit on or before May 1 with the local

- 1 tax collecting unit in which the property is located. The
- **2** affidavit shall state that the property is owned and occupied as
- 3 a homestead by that owner of the property on the date that the
- 4 affidavit is signed. The affidavit shall be on a form prescribed
- 5 by the department of treasury. Beginning in 1995, 1 copy of the
- 6 affidavit shall be retained by the owner, 1 copy shall be
- 7 retained by the local tax collecting unit until any appeal or
- 8 audit period under this act has expired, and 1 copy shall be
- 9 forwarded to the department of treasury pursuant to subsection
- 10 (4), together with all information submitted under subsection
- (18) (20) for a cooperative housing corporation. Beginning in
- 12 1995, the affidavit shall require the owner claiming the
- 13 exemption to indicate if that owner has claimed another exemption
- 14 on property in this state that is not rescinded. If the
- 15 affidavit requires an owner to include a social security number,
- 16 that owner's number is subject to the disclosure restrictions in
- 17 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 to 205.31.
- 18 (3) A husband and wife who are required to file or who do
- 19 file a joint Michigan income tax return are entitled to not more
- 20 than 1 homestead exemption.
- 21 (4) Upon receipt of an affidavit filed under subsection (2)
- 22 and unless the claim is denied under subsection (6), the assessor
- 23 shall exempt the property from the collection of the tax levied
- 24 by a local school district for school operating purposes to the
- 25 extent provided under section 1211 of the revised school code,
- 26 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211, as provided in subsection (1) until
- 27 December 31 of the year in which the property is transferred or

- 1 is no longer a homestead as defined in section 7dd. The local
- 2 tax collecting unit shall forward copies of affidavits to the
- 3 department of treasury according to a schedule prescribed by the
- 4 department of treasury.
- 5 (5) Not more than 90 days after exempted property is no
- 6 longer used as a homestead by the owner claiming an exemption,
- 7 that owner shall rescind the claim of exemption by filing with
- 8 the local tax collecting unit a rescission form prescribed by the
- **9** department of treasury. Beginning October 1, 1994, an owner who
- 10 fails to file a rescission as required by this subsection is
- 11 subject to a penalty of \$5.00 per day for each separate failure
- 12 beginning after the 90 days have elapsed, up to a maximum of
- 13 \$200.00. This penalty shall be collected under 1941 PA 122, MCL
- 14 205.1 to 205.31, and shall be deposited in the state school aid
- 15 fund established in section 11 of article IX of the state
- 16 constitution of 1963. This penalty may be waived by the
- 17 department of treasury.
- 18 (6) If the assessor of the local tax collecting unit believes
- 19 that the property for which an exemption is claimed is not the
- 20 homestead of the owner claiming the exemption, effective for
- 21 taxes levied after 1994 the assessor may deny a new or existing
- 22 claim by notifying the owner and the department of treasury in
- 23 writing of the reason for the denial and advising the owner that
- 24 the denial may be appealed to the department of treasury within
- 25 35 days after the date of the notice. The denial shall be made
- 26 on a form prescribed by the department of treasury. If the
- 27 assessor of the local tax collecting unit believes that the

- 1 property for which the exemption is claimed is not the homestead
- 2 of the owner claiming the exemption, for taxes levied in 1994 the
- 3 assessor may send a recommendation for denial for any affidavit
- 4 that is forwarded to the department of treasury stating the
- 5 reasons for the recommendation. If the assessor of the local tax
- 6 collecting unit believes that the property for which the
- 7 exemption is claimed is not the homestead of the owner claiming
- 8 the exemption and has not denied the claim, for taxes levied
- **9** after 1994 the assessor shall include a recommendation for denial
- 10 with any affidavit that is forwarded to the department of
- 11 treasury or, for an existing claim, shall send a recommendation
- 12 for denial to the department of treasury, stating the reasons for
- 13 the recommendation.
- 14 (7) The department of treasury shall determine if the
- 15 property is the homestead of the owner claiming the exemption.
- 16 The department of treasury—For each county in which the county
- 17 treasurer or his or her designee or the county equalization
- 18 director or his or her designee does not elect to audit the
- 19 exemptions claimed under this section as provided in subsection
- 20 (9), the department of treasury shall annually conduct an audit
- 21 of exemptions for the current calendar year and may review the
- 22 validity of exemptions -for the current calendar year and for
- 23 the 3 immediately preceding calendar years. If the department of
- 24 treasury determines that the property is not the homestead of the
- 25 owner claiming the exemption, the department shall send a notice
- 26 of that determination to the local tax collecting unit and to the
- 27 owner of the property claiming the exemption, indicating that the

- 1 claim for exemption is denied, stating the reason for the denial,
- 2 and advising the owner claiming the exemption of the right to
- 3 appeal the determination to the department of treasury and what
- 4 those rights of appeal are. The department of treasury may issue
- 5 a notice denying a claim if an owner fails to respond within 30
- 6 days of receipt of a request for information from that
- 7 department. An owner may appeal the denial of a claim of
- 8 exemption to the department of treasury within 35 days of receipt
- 9 of the notice of denial. An appeal to the department of treasury
- 10 shall be conducted according to the provisions for an informal
- 11 conference in section 21 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.21. Within 10
- 12 days after acknowledging an appeal of a denial of a claim of
- 13 exemption, the department of treasury shall notify the assessor
- 14 and the treasurer for the county in which the property is located
- 15 that an appeal has been filed. Upon receipt of a notice that the
- 16 department of treasury has denied a claim for exemption, the
- 17 assessor shall remove the exemption of the property and, if the
- 18 tax roll is in the local tax collecting unit's possession, amend
- 19 the tax roll to reflect the denial and the local treasurer shall
- 20 issue a corrected tax bill for previously unpaid taxes with
- 21 interest and penalties computed based on the interest and
- 22 penalties that would have accrued from the date the taxes were
- 23 originally levied if there had not been an exemption. If the tax
- 24 roll is in the county treasurer's possession, the tax roll shall
- 25 be amended to reflect the denial and the county treasurer shall
- 26 prepare and submit a supplemental tax bill for any additional
- 27 taxes, together with any interest and penalties. For taxes

- 1 levied in 1994 only, the county treasurer shall waive any
- 2 interest and penalties due if the owner pays the supplemental tax
- 3 bill not more than 30 days after the owner receives the
- 4 supplemental tax bill. Interest and penalties shall not be
- 5 assessed for any period before February 14, 1995. However, if
- 6 the property has been transferred to a bona fide purchaser before
- 7 additional taxes were billed to the seller as a result of the
- 8 denial of a claim for exemption, the taxes, interest, and
- 9 penalties shall not be billed to the bona fide purchaser, and the
- 10 local tax collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit has
- 11 possession of the tax roll or the county treasurer if the county
- 12 has possession of the tax roll shall notify the department of
- 13 treasury of the amount of tax due and interest through the date
- 14 of that notification. The department of treasury shall then
- 15 assess the owner who claimed the homestead property tax exemption
- 16 for the tax and interest plus penalty accruing as a result of the
- 17 denial of the claim for exemption, if any, as for unpaid taxes
- 18 provided under 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 to 205.31, and shall
- 19 deposit any tax, interest, or penalty collected into the state
- 20 school aid fund.
- 21 (8) If the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 22 county equalization director or his or her designee believes that
- 23 property located in that county for which an exemption is claimed
- 24 is not the homestead of the owner claiming the exemption, the
- 25 county treasurer or his or her designee or the county
- 26 equalization director or his or her designee may submit a
- 27 recommendation for denial to the assessor of the local tax

- 1 collecting unit or to the department of treasury for any
- 2 affidavit filed with a local tax collecting unit or forwarded to
- 3 the department of treasury stating the reasons for the
- 4 recommendation for denial. The county treasurer or his or her
- 5 designee or the county equalization director or his or her
- 6 designee may request eligibility documentation from a person
- 7 claiming an exemption under this section, which may include, but
- 8 is not limited to, proof of voter registration and a copy of the
- 9 person's driver license. Eligibility documentation provided
- 10 under this subsection shall be used only to determine if the
- 11 property for which an exemption is claimed is the homestead of
- 12 the person claiming the exemption. If the county treasurer or
- 13 his or her designee or the county equalization director or his or
- 14 her designee submits a recommendation for denial to the assessor
- 15 of the local tax collection unit or to the department of
- 16 treasury, the assessor of the local tax collecting unit or the
- 17 department of treasury shall make a determination regarding that
- 18 recommendation for denial and submit that determination in
- 19 writing to the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 20 county equalization director or his or her designee not later
- 21 than 90 days after the recommendation for denial is submitted.
- 22 (9) A county treasurer or county equalization director may
- 23 annually elect to audit the exemptions claimed under this section
- 24 in all local tax collecting units located in that county by
- 25 submitting an election to audit form to the assessor of each
- 26 local tax collecting unit in that county and to the department of
- 27 treasury. If a county elects to audit the exemptions claimed

- 1 under this section, the county treasurer or his or her designee
- 2 or the county equalization director or his or her designee shall
- 3 submit a recommendation for denial to the assessor of a local tax
- 4 collecting unit or to the department of treasury for any
- 5 affidavit filed with a local tax collecting unit or forwarded to
- 6 the department of treasury that the county treasurer or his or
- 7 her designee or the county equalization director or his or her
- 8 designee believes is not the homestead of the owner claiming the
- 9 exemption, stating the reasons for the recommendation for
- 10 denial. If the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 11 county equalization director or his or her designee submits a
- 12 recommendation for denial to the assessor of the local tax
- 13 collection unit or to the department of treasury, the assessor of
- 14 the local tax collecting unit or the department of treasury shall
- 15 make a determination regarding that recommendation for denial and
- 16 submit that determination in writing to the county treasurer or
- 17 his or her designee or the county equalization director or his or
- 18 her designee not later than 90 days after the recommendation for
- 19 denial is submitted. If the assessor of the local tax collecting
- 20 unit accepts the recommendation for denial, the assessor shall
- 21 deny the exemption under subsection (6). If the assessor of the
- 22 local tax collecting unit does not accept the recommendation for
- 23 denial, the assessor shall submit a written explanation for that
- 24 decision to the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 25 county equalization director or his or her designee and to the
- 26 department of treasury not more than 90 days after the county
- 27 treasurer or his or her designee or the county equalization

- 1 director or his or her designee submits the recommendation for
- 2 denial. If the department of treasury accepts the recommendation
- 3 for denial, the department of treasury shall deny the exemption
- 4 under subsection (7). If the department of treasury does not
- 5 accept the recommendation for denial, the state treasurer or his
- 6 or her designee shall submit a written explanation for that
- 7 decision to the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 8 county equalization director or his or her designee not more than
- 9 90 days after the county treasurer or his or her designee or the
- 10 county equalization director or his or her designee submits the
- 11 recommendation for denial. If as a result of the denial the
- 12 treasurer of the local tax collecting unit amends the tax roll
- 13 and issues a corrected tax bill for previously unpaid taxes,
- 14 interest, and penalties under subsection (7), the treasurer of
- 15 the local tax collecting unit shall transmit to the county
- 16 treasurer 10% of any additional taxes, interest, and penalties
- 17 received. If the county treasurer amends the tax roll and issues
- 18 a supplemental tax bill for any additional taxes, interest, and
- 19 penalties under subsection (7), the county treasurer shall retain
- 20 10% of any additional taxes, interest, and penalties received.
- 21 The election to audit form required under this subsection shall
- 22 be in a form prescribed by the department of treasury. If a
- 23 county treasurer or his or her designee or a county equalization
- 24 director or his or her designee elects to audit the exemptions
- 25 claimed under this section, the department of treasury shall
- 26 annually provide the county treasurer or his or her designee or
- 27 the county equalization director or his or her designee a list of

- 1 all real property in that county for which multiple exemptions
- 2 are claimed under this section.
- 3 (10)  $\overline{(8)}$  An owner may appeal a final decision of the
- 4 department of treasury to the residential and small claims
- 5 division of the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of that
- 6 decision. An assessor may appeal a final decision of the
- 7 department of treasury to the residential and small claims
- 8 division of the Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of that
- 9 decision if the assessor denied the exemption under subsection
- 10 (6), or, for taxes levied in 1994 only, the assessor forwarded a
- 11 recommendation for denial to the department of treasury under
- 12 subsection (6). An owner is not required to pay the amount of
- 13 tax in dispute in order to appeal a denial of a claim of
- 14 exemption to the department of treasury or to receive a final
- 15 determination of the residential and small claims division of the
- 16 Michigan tax tribunal. However, interest and penalties except as
- 17 provided in subsection (7), if any, shall accrue and be computed
- 18 based on the interest and penalties that would have accrued from
- 19 the date the taxes were originally levied as if there had not
- 20 been an exemption.
- 21 (11) -(9) An affidavit filed by an owner for a homestead
- 22 rescinds all previous exemptions filed by that owner for any
- 23 other homestead. The department of treasury shall notify the
- 24 assessor of the local tax collecting unit in which the property
- 25 for which a previous exemption was claimed is located that the
- 26 previous exemption is rescinded by the subsequent affidavit.
- 27 Upon receipt of notice that an exemption is rescinded, the

- 1 assessor of the local tax collecting unit shall remove the
- 2 exemption effective December 31 of the year in which the property
- 3 is transferred or is no longer a homestead as defined in section
- 4 7dd. The assessor of the local tax collecting unit in which that
- 5 property is located shall notify the treasurer in possession of
- 6 the tax roll for a year for which the exemption is rescinded. If
- 7 the tax roll is in the local tax collecting unit's possession,
- 8 the tax roll shall be amended to reflect the rescission and the
- 9 local treasurer shall prepare and issue a corrected tax bill for
- 10 previously unpaid taxes with interest and penalties computed
- 11 based on the interest and penalties that would have accrued from
- 12 the date the taxes were originally levied if there had not been
- 13 an exemption for that year. If the tax roll is in the county
- 14 treasurer's possession, the tax roll shall be amended to reflect
- 15 the rescission and the county treasurer shall prepare and submit
- 16 a supplemental tax bill for any additional taxes, together with
- 17 any interest and penalties. However, if the property has been
- 18 transferred to a bona fide purchaser, the taxes, interest, and
- 19 penalties shall not be billed to the bona fide purchaser, and the
- 20 local tax collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit has
- 21 possession of the tax roll or the county treasurer if the county
- 22 has possession of the tax roll shall notify the department of
- 23 treasury of the amount of tax due and interest through the date
- 24 of that notification. The department of treasury shall then
- 25 assess the owner who received the homestead property tax
- 26 exemption when the property was not a homestead as defined in
- 27 section 7dd for the tax and interest plus penalty accruing, if

- 1 any, as for unpaid taxes provided under 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 to
- 2 205.31, and shall deposit any tax, interest, or penalty collected
- 3 into the state school aid fund.
- 4 (12) -(10)— An owner of property for which a claim of
- 5 exemption is rescinded may appeal that rescission with either the
- 6 July or December board of review in either the year for which the
- 7 exemption is rescinded or in the immediately succeeding year. If
- 8 an appeal of a rescission of a claim for exemption is received
- 9 not later than 5 days prior to the date of the December board of
- 10 review, the local tax collecting unit shall convene a December
- 11 board of review and consider the appeal pursuant to this section
- 12 and section 53b. An owner of property for which a claim of
- 13 exemption is rescinded may appeal the decision of the board of
- 14 review to the residential and small claims division of the
- 15 Michigan tax tribunal within 35 days of that decision.
- 16 (13) -(11)— If the homestead is part of a unit in a
- 17 multiple-unit dwelling or a dwelling unit in a multiple-purpose
- 18 structure, an owner shall claim an exemption for only that
- 19 portion of the total taxable value of the property used as the
- 20 homestead of that owner in a manner prescribed by the department
- 21 of treasury. If a portion of a parcel for which the owner claims
- 22 an exemption is used for a purpose other than as a homestead, the
- 23 owner shall claim an exemption for only that portion of the
- 24 taxable value of the property used as the homestead of that owner
- 25 in a manner prescribed by the department of treasury.
- 26 (14) -(12) When a county register of deeds records a
- 27 transfer of ownership of a property, he or she shall notify the

- 1 local tax collecting unit in which the property is located of the
- 2 transfer.
- 3 (15) -(13) The department of treasury shall make available
- 4 the affidavit forms and the forms to rescind an exemption, which
- 5 may be on the same form, to all city and township assessors,
- 6 county equalization officers, county registers of deeds, and
- 7 closing agents. A person who prepares a closing statement for
- 8 the sale of property shall provide affidavit and rescission forms
- 9 to the buyer and seller at the closing and, if requested by the
- 10 buyer or seller after execution by the buyer or seller, shall
- 11 file the forms with the local tax collecting unit in which the
- 12 property is located. If a closing statement preparer fails to
- 13 provide homestead exemption affidavit and rescission forms to the
- 14 buyer and seller, or fails to file the affidavit and rescission
- 15 forms with the local tax collecting unit if requested by the
- 16 buyer or seller, the buyer may appeal to the department of
- 17 treasury within 30 days of notice to the buyer that an exemption
- 18 was not recorded. If the department of treasury determines that
- 19 the buyer qualifies for the exemption, the department of treasury
- 20 shall notify the assessor of the local tax collecting unit that
- 21 the exemption is granted and the assessor of the local tax
- 22 collecting unit or, if the tax roll is in the possession of the
- 23 county treasurer, the county treasurer shall correct the tax roll
- 24 to reflect the exemption. This subsection does not create a
- 25 cause of action at law or in equity against a closing statement
- 26 preparer who fails to provide homestead exemption affidavit and
- 27 rescission forms to a buyer and seller or who fails to file the

- 1 affidavit and rescission forms with the local tax collecting unit
- 2 when requested to do so by the buyer or seller.
- 3 (16) -(14) An owner who owned and occupied a homestead on
- 4 May 1 for which the exemption was not on the tax roll may file an
- 5 appeal with the July board of review or December board of review
- 6 in the year for which the exemption was claimed or the
- 7 immediately succeeding 3 years. If an appeal of a claim for
- 8 exemption that was not on the tax roll is received not later than
- 9 5 days prior to the date of the December board of review, the
- 10 local tax collecting unit shall convene a December board of
- 11 review and consider the appeal pursuant to this section and
- **12** section 53b.
- 13 (17)  $\frac{(15)}{(15)}$  If the assessor or treasurer of the local tax
- 14 collecting unit believes that the department of treasury
- 15 erroneously denied a claim for exemption, the assessor or
- 16 treasurer may submit written information supporting the owner's
- 17 claim for exemption to the department of treasury within 35 days
- 18 of the owner's receipt of the notice denying the claim for
- 19 exemption. If, after reviewing the information provided, the
- 20 department of treasury determines that the claim for exemption
- 21 was erroneously denied, the department of treasury shall grant
- 22 the exemption and the tax roll shall be amended to reflect the
- 23 exemption.
- 24 (18) -(16)— If granting the exemption under this section
- 25 results in an overpayment of the tax, a rebate, including any
- 26 interest paid, shall be made to the taxpayer by the local tax
- 27 collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit has possession

- 1 of the tax roll or by the county treasurer if the county has
- 2 possession of the tax roll within 30 days of the date the
- 3 exemption is granted. The rebate shall be without interest.
- 4 (19)  $\frac{(17)}{}$  If an exemption under this section is erroneously
- 5 granted, an owner may request in writing that the department of
- 6 treasury withdraw the exemption. If an owner requests that an
- 7 exemption be withdrawn, the department of treasury shall issue an
- 8 order notifying the local assessor that the exemption issued
- 9 under this section has been denied based on the owner's request.
- 10 If an exemption is withdrawn, the property that had been subject
- 11 to that exemption shall be immediately placed on the tax roll by
- 12 the local tax collecting unit if the local tax collecting unit
- 13 has possession of the tax roll or by the county treasurer if the
- 14 county has possession of the tax roll as though the exemption had
- 15 not been granted. A corrected tax bill shall be issued for the
- 16 tax year being adjusted by the local tax collecting unit if the
- 17 local tax collecting unit has possession of the tax roll or by
- 18 the county treasurer if the county has possession of the tax
- 19 roll. If an owner requests that an exemption under this section
- 20 be withdrawn before that owner is contacted in writing by either
- 21 the local assessor or the department of treasury regarding that
- 22 owner's eligibility for the exemption and that owner pays the
- 23 corrected tax bill issued under this subsection within 30 days
- 24 after the corrected tax bill is issued, that owner is not liable
- 25 for any penalty or interest on the additional tax. An owner who
- 26 pays a corrected tax bill issued under this subsection more than
- 27 30 days after the corrected tax bill is issued is liable for the

- 1 penalties and interest that would have accrued if the exemption
- **2** had not been granted from the date the taxes were originally
- 3 levied.
- 4 (20) -(18) For tax years beginning on and after January 1,
- 5 1994, a cooperative housing corporation is entitled to a full or
- 6 partial exemption under this section for the tax year in which
- 7 the cooperative housing corporation files all of the following
- 8 with the local tax collecting unit in which the cooperative
- 9 housing corporation is located if filed on or before May 1 of the
- 10 tax year, or for the tax year following the year in which all of
- 11 the following are filed if filed after May 1 of the tax year:
- 12 (a) An affidavit form.
- 13 (b) A statement of the total number of units owned by the
- 14 cooperative housing corporation and occupied as the principal
- 15 residence of a tenant stockholder as of the date of the filing
- 16 under this subsection.
- 17 (c) A list that includes the name, address, and social
- 18 security number of each tenant stockholder of the cooperative
- 19 housing corporation occupying a unit in the cooperative housing
- 20 corporation as his or her principal residence as of the date of
- 21 the filing under this subsection.
- (d) A statement of the total number of units of the
- 23 cooperative housing corporation on which an exemption under this
- 24 section was claimed and that were transferred in the tax year
- 25 immediately preceding the tax year in which the filing under this
- 26 section was made.
- 27 Sec. 53b. (1) If there has been a clerical error or a

- 1 mutual mistake of fact relative to the correct assessment
- 2 figures, the rate of taxation, or the mathematical computation
- 3 relating to the assessing of taxes, the clerical error or mutual
- 4 mistake of fact shall be verified by the local assessing officer
- 5 and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for the
- 6 purposes of this section on Tuesday following the second Monday
- 7 in December and, for summer property taxes, on Tuesday following
- 8 the third Monday in July. If there is not a levy of summer
- 9 property taxes, the board of review may meet for the purposes of
- 10 this section on Tuesday following the third Monday in July. If
- 11 approved, the board of review shall file an affidavit within 30
- 12 days relative to the clerical error or mutual mistake of fact
- 13 with the proper officials who are involved with the assessment
- 14 figures, rate of taxation, or mathematical computation and all
- 15 affected official records shall be corrected. If the clerical
- 16 error or mutual mistake of fact results in an overpayment or
- 17 underpayment, the rebate, including any interest paid, shall be
- 18 made to the taxpayer or the taxpayer shall be notified and
- 19 payment made within 30 days of the notice. A rebate shall be
- 20 without interest. The county treasurer may deduct the rebate
- 21 from the appropriate tax collecting unit's subsequent
- 22 distribution of taxes. The county treasurer shall bill to the
- 23 appropriate tax collecting unit the tax collecting unit's share
- 24 of taxes rebated. Except as otherwise provided in subsection
- 25 (6), a correction under this subsection may be made in the year
- 26 in which the error was made or in the following year only.
- 27 (2) Action pursuant to this section may be initiated by the

- 1 taxpayer or the assessing officer.
- 2 (3) The board of review meeting in July and December shall
- 3 meet only for the purpose described in subsection (1) and to hear
- 4 appeals provided for in sections 7u, 7cc, and 7ee. If an
- 5 exemption under section 7u is approved, the board of review shall
- 6 file an affidavit with the proper officials involved in the
- 7 assessment and collection of taxes and all affected official
- 8 records shall be corrected. If an appeal under section 7cc or
- 9 7ee results in a determination that an overpayment has been made,
- 10 the board of review shall file an affidavit and a rebate shall be
- 11 made at the times and in the manner provided in subsection (1).
- 12 Except as otherwise provided in sections 7cc and 7ee, a
- 13 correction under this subsection shall be made for the year in
- 14 which the appeal is made only. If the board of review grants an
- 15 exemption or provides a rebate for property under section 7cc or
- 16 The as provided in this subsection, the board of review shall
- 17 require the owner to execute the affidavit provided for in
- 18 section 7cc or 7ee and shall forward a copy of any section 7cc
- 19 affidavits to the department of treasury.
- 20 (4) If an exemption under section 7cc is granted by the board
- 21 of review under this section, the provisions of section 7cc(6)
- 22 through -(8) (10) apply. If an exemption under section 7cc is
- 23 not granted by the board of review under this section, the owner
- 24 may appeal that decision in writing to the department of treasury
- 25 within 35 days of the board of review's denial and the appeal
- 26 shall be conducted as provided in section 7cc(7).
- 27 (5) An owner or assessor may appeal a decision of the board

- 1 of review under this section regarding an exemption under section
- 2 7ee to the residential and small claims division of the Michigan
- 3 tax tribunal. An owner is not required to pay the amount of tax
- 4 in dispute in order to receive a final determination of the
- 5 residential and small claims division of the Michigan tax
- 6 tribunal. However, interest and penalties, if any, shall accrue
- 7 and be computed based on interest and penalties that would have
- 8 accrued from the date the taxes were originally levied as if
- 9 there had not been an exemption.
- 10 (6) A correction under this section that grants a homestead
- 11 exemption pursuant to section  $\frac{-7cc(14)}{}$  7cc(16) may be made for
- 12 the year in which the appeal was filed and the 3 immediately
- 13 preceding tax years.

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