

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4218**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled  
"The general property tax act,"  
by amending section 51 (MCL 211.51), as amended by 2005 PA 114.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 51. (1) If a township treasurer does not file his or her  
2   bond with the county treasurer as prescribed by law and the  
3   township board fails to appoint a treasurer to give the bond and  
4   deliver a receipt for the bond to the supervisor by December 10,  
5   the supervisor shall deliver the tax roll with the necessary  
6   warrant directed to the county treasurer, who shall make the  
7   collection and return of taxes. The county treasurer, pursuant to  
8   the adoption of a resolution by the county board of commissioners,  
9   has the same powers and duties to add a property tax administration  
10  fee, a late penalty charge, and interest to all taxes collected as

1 conferred upon a township treasurer under section 44. The excess of  
2 the amount of property tax administration fees over the expense to  
3 the county in collecting the taxes shall be returned to the  
4 township, and the remainder of the property tax administration fees  
5 and any late penalty charges imposed shall be credited to the  
6 county general fund. For the purpose of collecting the taxes, the  
7 county treasurer is vested with all the powers conferred upon the  
8 township treasurer and an action may be brought on the county  
9 treasurer's bond under the same circumstances as on those of a  
10 township treasurer.

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

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

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

18 (A) Is a totally and permanently disabled person, blind  
19 person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible  
20 veteran, or eligible widow or widower, as these persons are defined  
21 in chapter 9 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL  
22 206.501 to 206.532.

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

26 (ii) For the prior taxable year had a total household income of  
27 the following:

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

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

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

7 (D) For taxes levied after December 31, 2006, \$40,000.00, or  
8 less.

9 (b) Property classified or used as agricultural real property  
10 if the gross receipts of the agricultural or horticultural  
11 operations in the previous year or the average gross receipts of  
12 the operations in the previous 3 years are not less than the  
13 household income of the owner in the previous year **OR THE COMBINED**  
14 **HOUSEHOLD INCOMES IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF**  
15 **A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT OWNS THE AGRICULTURAL REAL**  
16 **PROPERTY. A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY CLAIM THE DEFERMENT UNDER**  
17 **THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED**  
18 **LIABILITY COMPANY QUALIFIED FOR THE DEFERMENT UNDER THIS SECTION**  
19 **BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FORMED THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

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

27 (4) The intent statement required by subsection (3) shall be

1 on a form prescribed and provided by the department of treasury to  
2 the treasurer of the local property tax collecting unit.

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

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

9 (b) Assist persons in completing the deferment form.

10 (6) If a local property tax collecting unit that collects a  
11 summer property tax also collects a winter property tax in the same  
12 year, a statement of the amount of taxes deferred pursuant to  
13 subsection (2) shall be in the December tax statement mailed by the  
14 local property tax collecting unit for each summer property tax  
15 payment that was deferred from collection. If a local property tax  
16 collecting unit that collects a summer property tax does not  
17 collect a winter property tax in the same year, it shall mail a  
18 statement of the amount of taxes deferred under subsection (2) at  
19 the same time December tax statements are required to be mailed  
20 under section 44.

21 (7) Persons eligible for deferment of summer property taxes  
22 under subsection (2) may file their intent to defer until September  
23 15 or the time the tax would otherwise become subject to interest  
24 or a late penalty charge for late payment, whichever is later.

25 (8) To the extent permitted by the revised school code, ~~of~~  
26 ~~1976,~~ 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or the charter of a local  
27 property tax collecting unit, a local property tax collecting unit

1 may provide for the levy and collection of summer property taxes.  
2 The terms and conditions of collection established by or under an  
3 agreement executed pursuant to the revised school code, ~~of 1976,~~  
4 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or the charter of a local tax  
5 collecting unit govern a summer property tax levy.

6 (9) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Principal residence" means property exempt under section  
8 7cc.

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