

HOUSE BILL NO. 4617

June 10, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Foreman, Pohutsky, Rheingans, McFall, Mentzer, Hoskins, Dievendorf, Wooden, Wilson, Byrnes, Price, Rogers, Tsernoglou, Coffia, Andrews, Skaggs, Weiss, Brixie, Glanville, Conlin, Longjohn, Morgan, Wegela and Hope and referred to Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 225, entitled

"An act to defer the collection of special assessments on homestead properties; to provide for conditions of eligibility for such a deferment; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of treasury, local assessing officers, and local collecting officers; to provide for the advancement of moneys by the state to indemnify special assessment districts for losses from deferment of collections; to provide for the advancement of money by the state to an owner for the repayment of loans used by the owner to pay special assessments; to provide for the collection of deferred special assessments and interest thereon, and the disposition of these collections; to make an appropriation; and to prescribe

penalties,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 211.764), as amended by 1980 PA 403.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. An owner may apply to the local assessing officer for
2 deferment of the payment of special assessments on the owner's
3 homestead. The application ~~shall~~**must** be made ~~upon~~**on** an affidavit
4 form ~~to be furnished and made available~~**provided** by the department
5 at convenient locations throughout ~~the~~**this** state. The affidavit
6 form ~~shall~~**must** contain the following statement in 10-point
7 ~~boldface~~**boldfaced** type located immediately above the affiant's
8 signature: "If this deferment is authorized the state will place a
9 lien on your property." ~~A person~~**An individual** making a false
10 affidavit for the purpose of obtaining deferment of special
11 assessments under this act is guilty of perjury. If the homestead
12 is owned jointly by ~~husband and wife~~**, a married couple**, each spouse
13 shall sign and file the affidavit. If the homestead is encumbered
14 by a mortgage or an unpaid balance on a land contract, a deferment
15 of special assessments ~~shall~~**must** not be made without the written
16 consent of the mortgagee or the land contract vendor, which ~~shall~~
17 **must** be filed with the affidavit. The affidavit ~~shall~~**must** be filed
18 with the local assessing officer at least 30 days after the due
19 date of a special assessment or installment of a special assessment
20 for which deferment is requested.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
22 unless Senate Joint Resolution ____ (request no. S00781'25) or
23 House Joint Resolution F (request no. H00781'25) of the 103rd
24 Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as
25 provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of
26 1963.