Senate Bill 209

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SUMMARY

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Provides for exemption from ad valorem property taxation of first $10,000 of real market value of homesteads. Requires Department of Revenue to index exemption amount annually.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a homestead property tax exemption; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region” means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.
(b) “Homestead” means:
(A) The owner-occupied principal dwelling, either real or personal property, owned by a taxpayer and the tax lot upon which the dwelling is located.
(B) If the dwelling is located in a multiunit building, the portion of the building actually used as the principal dwelling and the dwelling's percentage of the value of the building's common elements and of the tax lot upon which the building is situated. The percentage is the value of the dwelling unit that is the homestead compared to the total value of the multiunit building exclusive of any common elements.
(2) The first $10,000 of real market value of each homestead shall be exempt from ad valorem property taxes.
(3)(a) The Department of Revenue shall annually adjust the amount of the exemption under subsection (2) of this section by multiplying $10,000 by one plus the percentage, if any, by which the monthly averaged Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region, for the 12 consecutive months ending June 30 of the current calendar year exceeds the monthly averaged Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region, for the 12 consecutive months ending June 30, 2020.
(b) If any change in the amount of the exemption determined under paragraph (a) of this subsection is not a multiple of $500, the increase shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $500.
(c) As soon as practicable after making the computation required under this subsection, the department shall notify each county assessor of the adjusted exemption amount.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2020.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.