

HB 2070 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends partial tax exemption for property of surviving spouses of certain public safety officers killed in line of duty by moving sunset date six years, from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2031. Takes effect January 1, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

- If the property of a surviving spouse becomes disqualified from this partial exemption due to remarriage, there must be a recalculation of the maximum assessed value for property of the current owner. Since this is a multi-year exemption with an eligibility requirement to not remarry and it doesn't have a grandfather clause, there must be a recalculation of the maximum assessed value for property of the current owner after the exemption sunsets.
- A county may provide, by ordinance or resolution, that up to \$250,000 of the assessed value of a homestead is exempt from property tax for eligible applicants.
- "Homestead" means the owner-occupied principal dwelling, either real or personal property, owned by a surviving spouse and the tax lot upon which the dwelling is located.
- Floating homes and some manufactured structures are considered taxable personal property.
- "Surviving spouse" means the spouse of a fire service professional, police officer or reserve officer killed in the line of duty who has not remarried after the death of the fire service professional, police officer or reserve officer.
- This exemption originally became law in 2016 with the passage of Senate Bill 1513. In 2019, the passage of House Bill 2130 extended the exemption by moving the sunset date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2025.