

# Presentation on Holding an Election to Remove 20% Tax Exemption & 65 and over Property Tax Freeze.

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# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS?

## 20% HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- This exemption reduces the taxable value of the property by 20%

## 65+ PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

- The tax amount they paid when they qualified for the exemption is “Frozen”.
- That tax amount sets a ceiling. They can pay less if the tax rate is less than the ceiling amount, but they won't pay more.

# CAN THESE EXEMPTIONS BE REDUCE OR REMOVED?

## 20% HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

- It can only be reduced until 2028. *(Tax Code Section 11.13(n-1))*
- The legislature could always extend this date on the inability to repeal on session 2025 or next session 2027.

LEVY LOST DUE TO 20% HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION  
\$311,456

## 65+ PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

- May be repealed completely or decreased to \$3,000 by the governing body. *(Tax Code 11.13(f))*
- Any repeal/reduction would not impact those persons who already acquired the exemption. The reduction would only apply to those newly qualifying for it.

LEVY LOST DUE TO PROPERTY TAX FREEZE  
\$317,739

Given this information, would you consider adding to the ballot the removal of the 20% tax Exemption in 2028?

Yes

No

Given this information, would you consider adding to the ballot the removal of 65 and over Tax freeze for future residents?

Yes

No