

# HOUSE BILL No. 1620

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1.

**Synopsis:** Property tax replacement fee. Establishes an annual property tax replacement fee on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions or property tax credits that reduce the annual property tax liability on the parcel to less than \$100. Provides that the minimum annual amount due in property taxes and the property tax replacement fee per parcel is \$100. Changes from \$25 to \$100 the amount for requiring the payment of property taxes and the property tax replacement fee in one installment. Eliminates the \$5 minimum property tax statement processing fee.

**Effective:** January 1, 2016.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,  
2 SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. (a) The owner of a mobile home on the  
4 assessment date of a year is liable for the taxes imposed upon the  
5 mobile home for that year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the  
6 owner shall pay the taxes in two (2) equal, semi-annual installments.  
7 These semi-annual installments are due on May 10 and November 10  
8 of the year of assessment.

9 (b) A county council may adopt an ordinance to require an owner to  
10 pay **his the owner's** property tax liability **and property tax**  
11 **replacement fee** for ~~his the owner's~~ mobile home in one (1)  
12 installment, if the tax liability **plus property tax replacement fee** for  
13 a particular year is ~~less than twenty-five dollars (\$25): one hundred~~  
14 **dollars (\$100) or less**. If the county council has adopted such an  
15 ordinance, then whenever a tax statement mailed under IC 6-1.1-22-8.1



1 shows that an owner's property tax liability **and property tax**  
 2 **replacement fee** for a particular year for a mobile home is ~~less than~~  
 3 ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25)~~; **one hundred dollars (\$100) or less**, the  
 4 owner shall pay the entire tax liability **and property tax replacement**  
 5 **fee** for the mobile home for that year on May 10 of that year.

6 SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-20.6-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,  
 7 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 8 JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 8.5. (a) This section applies to an individual  
 9 who:

10 (1) qualified for a standard deduction granted under  
 11 IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the individual's homestead property in the  
 12 immediately preceding calendar year (or was married at the time  
 13 of death to a deceased spouse who qualified for a standard  
 14 deduction granted under IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the individual's  
 15 homestead property in the immediately preceding calendar year);  
 16 (2) qualifies for a standard deduction granted under  
 17 IC 6-1.1-12-37 for the same homestead property in the current  
 18 calendar year;

19 (3) is or will be at least sixty-five (65) years of age on or before  
 20 December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the  
 21 current calendar year; and

22 (4) had:

23 (A) in the case of an individual who filed a single return,  
 24 adjusted gross income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal  
 25 Revenue Code) not exceeding thirty thousand dollars  
 26 (\$30,000); or

27 (B) in the case of an individual who filed a joint income tax  
 28 return with the individual's spouse, combined adjusted gross  
 29 income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue  
 30 Code) not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000);

31 for the calendar year preceding by two (2) years the calendar year  
 32 in which property taxes are first due and payable.

33 (b) This section does not apply if the gross assessed value of the  
 34 homestead on the assessment date for which property taxes are  
 35 imposed is at least one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000).

36 (c) An individual is entitled to an additional credit under this section  
 37 for property taxes first due and payable for a calendar year on a  
 38 homestead if:

39 (1) the individual and the homestead qualify for the credit under  
 40 subsection (a) for the calendar year;

41 (2) the homestead is not disqualified for the credit under  
 42 subsection (b) for the calendar year; and



1 (3) the filing requirements under subsection (e) are met.

2 (d) **If the annual property tax liability first due and payable on**  
 3 **the qualified homestead property is one hundred dollars (\$100) or**  
 4 **less for the immediately preceding year after the application of the**  
 5 **credit granted under this section for that year, the credit is the**  
 6 **amount by which the property tax liability first due and payable on**  
 7 **the homestead property for the calendar year exceeds one hundred**  
 8 **dollars (\$100). If the property tax liability first due and payable on**  
 9 **the qualified homestead property for the immediately preceding**  
 10 **year after the application of the credit granted under this section**  
 11 **for that year is greater than one hundred dollars (\$100), the amount**  
 12 **of the credit is equal to the greater of zero (0) or the result of:**

13 (1) the property tax liability first due and payable on the  
 14 homestead property for the calendar year; minus

15 (2) the result of:

16 (A) the property tax liability first due and payable on the  
 17 qualified homestead property for the immediately preceding  
 18 year after the application of the credit granted under this  
 19 section for that year; multiplied by

20 (B) one and two hundredths (1.02).

21 However, property tax liability imposed on any improvements to or  
 22 expansion of the homestead property after the assessment date for  
 23 which property tax liability described in subdivision (2) was imposed  
 24 shall not be considered in determining the credit granted under this  
 25 section in the current calendar year.

26 (e) Applications for a credit under this section shall be filed in the  
 27 manner provided for an application for a deduction under  
 28 IC 6-1.1-12-9. However, an individual who remains eligible for the  
 29 credit in the following year is not required to file a statement to apply  
 30 for the credit in the following year. An individual who receives a credit  
 31 under this section in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for  
 32 the credit in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in  
 33 which the homestead is located of the individual's ineligibility not later  
 34 than sixty (60) days after the individual becomes ineligible.

35 (f) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a  
 36 credit provided under this section to each individual who received the  
 37 credit in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the  
 38 individual is no longer eligible for the credit.

39 SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-22-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2013,  
 40 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 41 JANUARY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),  
 42 the property taxes assessed for a year under this article are due in two



- 1 (2) equal installments on May 10 and November 10 of the following  
 2 year.
- 3 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if any of the following apply to the  
 4 property taxes assessed for the year under this article:
- 5 (1) Subsection (c).  
 6 (2) Subsection (d).  
 7 (3) IC 6-1.1-7-7.  
 8 (4) Section 9.5 of this chapter.  
 9 (5) Section 9.7 of this chapter.  
 10 (6) Section 9.9 of this chapter.
- 11 (c) A county council may adopt an ordinance to require a person to  
 12 pay the person's property tax liability **and property tax replacement**  
 13 **fee** in one (1) installment, if the tax liability **plus any property tax**  
 14 **replacement fee** for a particular year is ~~less than twenty-five dollars~~  
 15 ~~(\$25);~~ **one hundred dollars (\$100) or less.** If the county council has  
 16 adopted such an ordinance, then whenever a tax statement mailed  
 17 under section 8.1 of this chapter shows that the person's property tax  
 18 liability **and property tax replacement fee** for a year is ~~less than~~  
 19 ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25)~~ **one hundred dollars (\$100) or less** for the  
 20 property covered by that statement, the tax liability **and property tax**  
 21 **replacement fee** for that year is due in one (1) installment on May 10  
 22 of that year.
- 23 (d) If the county treasurer receives a copy of an appeal petition  
 24 under IC 6-1.1-18.5-12(d) before the county treasurer mails or  
 25 transmits statements under section 8.1 of this chapter, the county  
 26 treasurer may:
- 27 (1) mail or transmit the statements without regard to the pendency  
 28 of the appeal and, if the resolution of the appeal by the department  
 29 of local government finance results in changes in levies, mail or  
 30 transmit reconciling statements under subsection (e); or  
 31 (2) delay the mailing or transmission of statements under section  
 32 8.1 of this chapter so that:
- 33 (A) the due date of the first installment that would otherwise  
 34 be due under subsection (a) is delayed by not more than sixty  
 35 (60) days; and  
 36 (B) all statements reflect any changes in levies that result from  
 37 the resolution of the appeal by the department of local  
 38 government finance.
- 39 (e) A reconciling statement under subsection (d)(1) must indicate:  
 40 (1) the total amount due for the year;  
 41 (2) the total amount of the installments paid that did not reflect  
 42 the resolution of the appeal under IC 6-1.1-18.5-12(d) by the



1 department of local government finance;

2 (3) if the amount under subdivision (1) exceeds the amount under  
3 subdivision (2), the adjusted amount that is payable by the  
4 taxpayer:

5 (A) as a final reconciliation of all amounts due for the year;  
6 and

7 (B) not later than:

8 (i) November 10; or

9 (ii) the date or dates established under section 9.5 of this  
10 chapter; and

11 (4) if the amount under subdivision (2) exceeds the amount under  
12 subdivision (1), that the taxpayer may claim a refund of the excess  
13 under IC 6-1.1-26.

14 (f) If property taxes are not paid on or before the due date, the  
15 penalties prescribed in IC 6-1.1-37-10 shall be added to the delinquent  
16 taxes.

17 (g) Notwithstanding any other law, ~~a~~ **if the annual** property tax  
18 liability ~~of on any parcel receiving assessed value deductions under~~  
19 **this article or property tax credits under any other law is less than**  
20 ~~five one hundred dollars (\$5) (\$100), including when a zero dollar~~  
21 **(\$0) amount is due, is increased to five the county treasurer shall**  
22 **collect a property tax replacement fee equal to dollars (\$5):** the  
23 difference between the actual liability and the five dollar (\$5) amount  
24 that appears on the statement is a statement processing charge. The  
25 statement processing charge is considered a part of the tax liability. **one**  
26 **hundred dollars (\$100). The revenue from the fee shall be allocated**  
27 **in the same manner and at the same time as property taxes.**

28 (h) This subsection applies only if a statement for payment of  
29 property taxes and special assessments by electronic mail is transmitted  
30 to a person under section 8.1(h) of this chapter. If a response to the  
31 transmission of electronic mail to a person indicates that the electronic  
32 mail was not received, the county treasurer shall mail to the person a  
33 hard copy of the statement in the manner required by section 8.1(a) of  
34 this chapter for persons who do not opt to receive statements by  
35 electronic mail. The due date for the property taxes and special  
36 assessments under a statement mailed to a person under this subsection  
37 is the due date indicated in the statement transmitted to the person by  
38 electronic mail.

39 (i) In a county in which an authorizing ordinance is adopted under  
40 section 8.1(h) of this chapter, a person may direct the county treasurer  
41 to transmit a reconciling statement under subsection (d)(1) by  
42 electronic mail under section 8.1(h) of this chapter.

