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..Sponsor

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..Title

Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division- Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation relating to property tax relief.

..Analysis

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division- Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation that calls for the Homestead Property Tax Credit formula to be adjusted annually for inflation. Additionally, this legislation seeks additional property tax relief to property owners through the Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program by increasing the income threshold and expanding the amount of property taxes covered by the deferral.

..Body

Whereas, Low-income residents of Wisconsin are overburdened with property taxes despite relief offered through the Homestead Tax Credit Program and the Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program; and

Whereas, The maximum household income level of \$24,500 in the Homestead Tax Credit Program has not been adjusted for inflation since 2001; and

Whereas, The Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program, run by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), has for eligibility an income of no more than \$20,000 of all reportable income for Wisconsin income tax purposes along with social security benefits and other types of nontaxable income received by all persons residing in the house, and defers a maximum amount of \$2,500 in property taxes for persons 65 years of age or older who are low-income homeowners; and

Whereas, Limited income and mobility exacerbates the burden of increasing property taxes for the elderly; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Intergovernmental Relations Division- Department of Administration is directed to seek introduction and passage of state legislation that provides an annual adjustment of the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program for inflation going back to 2001 to present, and for future annual inflation adjustments as well; and, be it

Further Resolved, That this tax relief shall also include modification of the Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program whereby the income threshold for the program is raised to \$30,000, a title fee of \$75 is collected only the first time an application is made for the program, and property taxes for all or part of property taxes may be postponed; and, be it

Further Resolved, That WHEDA advertize the Wisconsin Property Tax Deferral Loan Program through whatever means possible including newspapers, pamphlets and the internet.

..Requestor

..Drafter

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