

By: Senator(s) Johnson

To: Finance

## SENATE BILL NO. 2992

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-33-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM \$7,500.00 TO  
3 \$20,000.00 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY; TO  
4 AMEND SECTION 27-33-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-33-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 27-33-3. In order to recognize and give effect to the  
10 principle of tax-free homes as a public policy in Mississippi, to  
11 encourage home building and ownership, and to give additional  
12 security to family groups, it is hereby declared that homes  
13 legally assessed on the land roll, owned and actually occupied as  
14 a home by bona fide residents of this state, who are heads of  
15 families, shall be exempt from the ad valorem taxes herein  
16 enumerated, on not in excess of \* \* \* Twenty Thousand Dollars  
17 (\$20,000.00) of the assessed value including an area of land not  
18 in excess of that specified hereinafter in this article. The  
19 exemption from taxes shall be limited to the following:



20 (a) All homeowners who are heads of families and who  
21 qualify under the provisions of this article shall be exempt from  
22 taxes levied in 1983 and payable in 1984 and from taxes levied in  
23 1984 and payable in 1985 as follows:

24 (i) The ad valorem taxes levied by counties  
25 pursuant to Section 27-39-329. Amounts so exempted shall not be  
26 reimbursed by the state.

27 (ii) Ad valorem taxes levied for maintenance and  
28 current expenses by or for a county as authorized by Section  
29 27-39-303, but the levy for such purpose in any year for which  
30 reimbursement is to be made shall not exceed the millage levied  
31 for such purpose for the 1984 fiscal year; or a levy for county  
32 roads or a road district as authorized by Section 27-39-305; or a  
33 levy for constructing and maintaining all bridges and culverts as  
34 authorized by Section 65-15-7, but the levy for either or both of  
35 such purposes for which reimbursement is to be made shall not in  
36 any event exceed seven (7) mills in any year; the levy for the  
37 support of the total funding formula fund to produce the minimum  
38 local ad valorem tax effort required of a school district by  
39 Section 37-57-1, and the supplementary school district tax levy  
40 for the support and maintenance of schools as authorized by  
41 Section 37-57-105; provided, however, that the total of the levies  
42 made under said Sections 37-57-1 and 37-57-105, which shall be  
43 exempt under this article, shall be limited to twenty (20) mills  
44 for any affected property area, and in the event the total of such



45 levies should exceed twenty (20) mills for any affected property  
46 area, the excess shall not be exempt under this article, and in  
47 such case, the levy for the support of the total funding formula  
48 shall have priority as an exempt levy;

49 (iii) Ad valorem taxes levied for the support and  
50 maintenance of agricultural high schools within the limits and as  
51 authorized by Section 37-27-3, and ad valorem taxes levied for the  
52 support of community or junior colleges within the limits and as  
53 authorized by subsection (2) of Section 37-29-141; provided,  
54 however, that the exemption from taxation and reimbursement for  
55 tax loss for agricultural high schools and community or junior  
56 colleges, or any combination of same, shall not exceed three (3)  
57 mills in any one (1) year for any one (1) county;

58 (iv) Ad valorem taxes levied for the support of  
59 the total funding formula provided for in Sections 37-151-200  
60 through 37-151-215 in a municipal separate school district to  
61 produce the minimum local ad valorem tax effort required of such  
62 municipal separate school district as authorized by Section  
63 37-57-1, and the supplementary tax levy for the support and  
64 maintenance of the schools of a municipal separate school district  
65 as authorized by Section 37-57-105; provided, however, the total  
66 of the levies made under said Sections 37-57-1 and 37-57-105 which  
67 shall be exempt under this article shall be limited to fifteen  
68 (15) mills for any affected property area, except in those special  
69 municipal separate school districts as provided by Sections



70 37-7-701 through 37-7-743, the total of the levies made under  
71 Sections 37-7-739 and 37-57-105 for such special municipal  
72 separate school district which shall be exempt under this article  
73 shall not exceed twenty (20) mills, and in the event the total of  
74 such levies should exceed fifteen (15) mills for any affected  
75 property area, or twenty (20) mills in the case of a special  
76 municipal separate school district, the excess shall not be exempt  
77 under this article, and, in such case, the levy for the support of  
78 the total funding formula in the municipal separate school  
79 district shall have priority as an exempt levy;

80 (v) In the event any law referred to in this  
81 section is amended so as to authorize an increase in the tax levy  
82 for any purposes, such increase in the levy shall be applied to  
83 and taxes collected from the property owners on the entire  
84 assessed value of exempted homes; and the tax loss resulting from  
85 such increase shall not be reimbursed under the provisions of the  
86 Homestead Exemption Law, unless such law clearly specifies that  
87 the exempted assessed value of homes is exempt from such increase;

88 (vi) Ad valorem taxes levied under Sections  
89 65-15-7 and 65-15-21 shall be used solely for purposes levied.

90 (b) Those homeowners who qualify for the exemptions  
91 provided for in subsection (a) of this section and who have  
92 reached the age of sixty-five (65) years on or before January 1 of  
93 the year for which the exemption is claimed; and  
94 service-connected, totally disabled American veterans who were



95 honorably discharged from military service, upon presentation of  
96 proper proof of eligibility shall be exempt from any and all ad  
97 valorem taxes, including the forest acreage tax authorized by  
98 Section 49-19-115, on homesteads not in excess of \* \* \* Twenty  
99 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) of assessed value thereof; provided,  
100 however, that property owned jointly by husband and wife and  
101 property owned in fee simple by either spouse shall be eligible  
102 for this exemption in full if either spouse fulfills the age or  
103 disability requirement. On all other jointly owned property the  
104 amount of the allowable exemption shall be determined on the basis  
105 of each individual joint owner's qualifications and pro rata share  
106 of the property.

107 (c) Those homeowners who qualify for the exemptions  
108 provided for in subsection (a) of this section and who would be  
109 classified as disabled under the Federal Social Security Act (42  
110 USCS Section 416(i)), upon presentation of proper proof of  
111 eligibility shall be exempt from any and all ad valorem taxes,  
112 including the forest acreage tax authorized by Section 49-19-115,  
113 on homesteads not in excess of \* \* \* Twenty Thousand Dollars  
114 (\$20,000.00) of assessed value thereof; provided, however, that  
115 property owned jointly by husband and wife and property owned in  
116 fee simple by either spouse shall be eligible for this exemption  
117 in full if either spouse fulfills the disability requirement. On  
118 all other jointly owned property, the amount of the allowable



exemption shall be determined on the basis of each individual joint owner's qualifications and pro rata share of the property.

(d) Homeowners who qualify for exemption under subsection (c) of this section will not be included in the limitations of Section 27-33-59(e).

Reimbursement by the State of Mississippi to the various taxing units for the tax losses incurred because of the additional exemptions provided for under these subsections shall be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 27-33-41.

This section shall not apply to claims for homestead exemptions filed in any calendar year subsequent to the 1984 calendar year.

**SECTION 2.** Section 27-33-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-33-75. (1) Qualified homeowners described in subsection (1) of Section 27-33-67 shall be allowed an exemption from ad valorem taxes according to the following table:

ASSESSED VALUE	HOMESTEAD
OF HOMESTEAD	EXEMPTION
\$ 1 - \$ 150.....	\$ 6.00
151 - 300.....	12.00
301 - 450.....	18.00
451 - 600.....	24.00
601 - 750.....	30.00
751 - 900.....	36.00



144	901 - 1,050.....	42.00
145	1,051 - 1,200.....	48.00
146	1,201 - 1,350.....	54.00
147	1,351 - 1,500.....	60.00
148	1,501 - 1,650.....	66.00
149	1,651 - 1,800.....	72.00
150	1,801 - 1,950.....	78.00
151	1,951 - 2,100.....	84.00
152	2,101 - 2,250.....	90.00
153	2,251 - 2,400.....	96.00
154	2,401 - 2,550.....	102.00
155	2,551 - 2,700.....	108.00
156	2,701 - 2,850.....	114.00
157	2,851 - 3,000.....	120.00
158	3,001 - 3,150.....	126.00
159	3,151 - 3,300.....	132.00
160	3,301 - 3,450.....	138.00
161	3,451 - 3,600.....	144.00
162	3,601 - 3,750.....	150.00
163	3,751 - 3,900.....	156.00
164	3,901 - 4,050.....	162.00
165	4,051 - 4,200.....	168.00
166	4,201 - 4,350.....	174.00
167	4,351 - 4,500.....	180.00
168	4,501 - 4,650.....	186.00



169	4,651 - 4,800.....	192.00
170	4,801 - 4,950.....	198.00
171	4,951 - 5,100.....	204.00
172	5,101 - 5,250.....	210.00
173	5,251 - 5,400.....	216.00
174	5,401 - 5,550.....	222.00
175	5,551 - 5,700.....	228.00
176	5,701 - 5,850.....	234.00
177	5,851 - 6,000.....	240.00
178	6,001 - 6,150.....	246.00
179	6,151 - 6,300.....	252.00
180	6,301 - 6,450.....	258.00
181	6,451 - 6,600.....	264.00
182	6,601 - 6,750.....	270.00
183	6,751 - 6,900.....	276.00
184	6,901 - 7,050.....	282.00
185	7,051 - 7,200.....	288.00
186	7,201 - 7,350.....	294.00
187	7,351 * * * - <u>7,500</u> .....	300.00
188	<u>7,501 - 7,650</u> .....	<u>306.00</u>
189	<u>7,651 - 7,800</u> .....	<u>312.00</u>
190	<u>7,801 - 7,950</u> .....	<u>318.00</u>
191	<u>7,951 - 8,100</u> .....	<u>324.00</u>
192	<u>8,101 - 8,250</u> .....	<u>330.00</u>
193	<u>8,251 - 8,400</u> .....	<u>336.00</u>





194	<u>8,401 - 8,550</u> .....	<u>342.00</u>
195	<u>8,551 - 8,700</u> .....	<u>348.00</u>
196	<u>8,701 - 8,850</u> .....	<u>354.00</u>
197	<u>8,851 - 9,000</u> .....	<u>360.00</u>
198	<u>9,001 - 9,150</u> .....	<u>366.00</u>
199	<u>9,151 - 9,300</u> .....	<u>372.00</u>
200	<u>9,301 - 9,450</u> .....	<u>378.00</u>
201	<u>9,451 - 9,600</u> .....	<u>384.00</u>
202	<u>9,601 - 9,750</u> .....	<u>390.00</u>
203	<u>9,751 - 9,900</u> .....	<u>396.00</u>
204	<u>9,901 - 10,050</u> .....	<u>402.00</u>
205	<u>10,051 - 10,200</u> .....	<u>408.00</u>
206	<u>10,201 - 10,350</u> .....	<u>414.00</u>
207	<u>10,351 - 10,500</u> .....	<u>420.00</u>
208	<u>10,501 - 10,650</u> .....	<u>426.00</u>
209	<u>10,651 - 10,800</u> .....	<u>432.00</u>
210	<u>10,801 - 11,950</u> .....	<u>438.00</u>
211	<u>11,951 - 12,100</u> .....	<u>444.00</u>
212	<u>11,101 - 11,250</u> .....	<u>450.00</u>
213	<u>11,251 - 11,400</u> .....	<u>456.00</u>
214	<u>11,401 - 11,550</u> .....	<u>462.00</u>
215	<u>11,551 - 11,700</u> .....	<u>468.00</u>
216	<u>11,701 - 11,850</u> .....	<u>474.00</u>
217	<u>11,851 - 12,000</u> .....	<u>480.00</u>
218	<u>12,001 - 12,150</u> .....	<u>486.00</u>



219	<u>12,151 - 12,300</u> .....	<u>492.00</u>
220	<u>12,301 - 12,450</u> .....	<u>498.00</u>
221	<u>12,451 - 12,600</u> .....	<u>504.00</u>
222	<u>12,601 - 12,750</u> .....	<u>510.00</u>
223	<u>12,751 - 12,900</u> .....	<u>516.00</u>
224	<u>12,901 - 13,050</u> .....	<u>522.00</u>
225	<u>13,051 - 13,200</u> .....	<u>528.00</u>
226	<u>13,201 - 13,350</u> .....	<u>534.00</u>
227	<u>13,351 - 13,500</u> .....	<u>540.00</u>
228	<u>13,501 - 13,650</u> .....	<u>546.00</u>
229	<u>13,651 - 13,800</u> .....	<u>552.00</u>
230	<u>13,801 - 13,950</u> .....	<u>558.00</u>
231	<u>13,951 - 14,100</u> .....	<u>564.00</u>
232	<u>14,101 - 14,250</u> .....	<u>570.00</u>
233	<u>14,251 - 14,400</u> .....	<u>576.00</u>
234	<u>14,401 - 14,550</u> .....	<u>582.00</u>
235	<u>14,551 - 14,700</u> .....	<u>588.00</u>
236	<u>14,701 - 14,850</u> .....	<u>594.00</u>
237	<u>14,851 - 15,000</u> .....	<u>600.00</u>
238	<u>15,001 - 15,150</u> .....	<u>606.00</u>
239	<u>15,151 - 15,300</u> .....	<u>612.00</u>
240	<u>15,301 - 15,450</u> .....	<u>618.00</u>
241	<u>15,451 - 15,600</u> .....	<u>624.00</u>
242	<u>15,601 - 15,750</u> .....	<u>630.00</u>
243	<u>15,751 - 15,900</u> .....	<u>636.00</u>



244	<u>15,901 - 16,050</u> .....	<u>642.00</u>
245	<u>16,051 - 16,200</u> .....	<u>648.00</u>
246	<u>16,201 - 16,350</u> .....	<u>654.00</u>
247	<u>16,351 - 16,500</u> .....	<u>660.00</u>
248	<u>16,501 - 16,650</u> .....	<u>666.00</u>
249	<u>16,651 - 16,800</u> .....	<u>672.00</u>
250	<u>16,801 - 16,950</u> .....	<u>672.00</u>
251	<u>16,951 - 17,100</u> .....	<u>684.00</u>
252	<u>17,101 - 17,250</u> .....	<u>690.00</u>
253	<u>17,251 - 17,400</u> .....	<u>696.00</u>
254	<u>17,401 - 17,550</u> .....	<u>702.00</u>
255	<u>17,551 - 17,700</u> .....	<u>708.00</u>
256	<u>17,701 - 17,850</u> .....	<u>714.00</u>
257	<u>17,851 - 18,000</u> .....	<u>720.00</u>
258	<u>18,001 - 18,150</u> .....	<u>726.00</u>
259	<u>18,151 - 18,300</u> .....	<u>732.00</u>
260	<u>18,301 - 18,450</u> .....	<u>738.00</u>
261	<u>18,451 - 18,600</u> .....	<u>744.00</u>
262	<u>18,601 - 18,750</u> .....	<u>750.00</u>
263	<u>18,751 - 18,900</u> .....	<u>756.00</u>
264	<u>18,901 - 19,050</u> .....	<u>762.00</u>
265	<u>19,051 - 19,200</u> .....	<u>768.00</u>
266	<u>19,201 - 19,350</u> .....	<u>774.00</u>
267	<u>19,351 - 19,500</u> .....	<u>780.00</u>
268	<u>19,501 - 19,650</u> .....	<u>786.00</u>



269	<u>19,651 - 19,800.....</u>	<u>792.00</u>
270	<u>19,801 - 19,950.....</u>	<u>798.00</u>
271	<u>19,951 and above.....</u>	<u>804.00</u>

272       Assessed values shall be rounded to the next whole dollar  
273       (Fifty Cents (50¢) rounded to the next highest dollar) for the  
274       purposes of the above table.

275       One-half (1/2) of the exemption allowed in the above table  
276       shall be from taxes levied for school district purposes and  
277       one-half (1/2) shall be from taxes levied for county general fund  
278       purposes.

279       (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
280       qualified homeowners described in subsection (2) of Section  
281       27-33-67 shall be allowed an exemption from all ad valorem taxes  
282       on not in excess of \* \* \* Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) of  
283       the assessed value of the homestead property.

284       (b) From and after January 1, 2015, qualified  
285       homeowners described in subsection (2)(a) of Section 27-33-67 and  
286       unremarried surviving spouses of such homeowners shall be allowed  
287       an exemption from all ad valorem taxes on the assessed value of  
288       the homestead property.

289       (c) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (c),  
290       a qualified homeowner claiming an exemption under paragraph (a) of  
291       this subsection shall be allowed an additional exemption from all  
292       ad valorem taxes on an amount equal to the difference between (i)  
293       the assessed value of the homestead property on January 1, 2018,



or January 1 of the first year for which the qualified homeowner claims an exemption for the homestead property under paragraph (a) of this subsection, and (ii) any increase in the assessed value of the homestead property resulting from a subsequent update in valuation of the homestead property that is completed during the time the qualified homeowner owns the property. In addition, if a subsequent update in valuation of the homestead property that is completed during the time the qualified homeowner owns the property results in the assessed value of the homestead property being less than the assessed value of the property on January 1, 2018, or January 1 of the first year for which the qualified homeowner claims an exemption for the homestead property under paragraph (a) of this subsection, then the exemption authorized under this paragraph (c) shall be on an amount equal to the difference between (i) such lower assessed value and (ii) any increase in the assessed value of the homestead property resulting from a subsequent update in valuation of the homestead property that is completed during the time the qualified homeowner owns the property. However, except for renovations, expansions, improvements or additions to promote energy efficiency, safety or access to the homestead property, the exemption authorized in this paragraph (c) shall not apply to any portion of increase in the assessed value of the homestead property that is attributable to renovations, expansions or improvements of or additions to the property during such time. For the purposes of this paragraph



319 (c), an update in valuation of the homestead property occurs when  
320 a county has completed an update in the valuation of Class I  
321 property, as designated by Section 112, Mississippi Constitution  
322 of 1890, in the county according to procedures prescribed by the  
323 Department of Revenue and in effect on January 1, 2018, and for  
324 which the Department of Revenue has certified that such new  
325 valuations have been implemented for the purposes of ad valorem  
326 taxation.

327 (d) From and after January 1, 2023, a qualified  
328 homeowner who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a member of  
329 the United States Armed Forces who was killed or died on active  
330 duty, or of a member of a reserve component of the United States  
331 Armed Forces or of the National Guard who was killed or died on  
332 active duty for training, shall be allowed an exemption from all  
333 ad valorem taxes on the assessed value of the homestead property.

334 (e) From and after January 1, 2025, a qualified  
335 homeowner who is an American veteran who has been honorably  
336 discharged from military service and has reached ninety (90) years  
337 of age on or before January 1 of the year for which the exemption  
338 is claimed, shall be allowed an exemption from all ad valorem  
339 taxes on the assessed value of the homestead property.

340 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, this  
341 section shall apply to exemptions claimed in the 2001 calendar  
342 year for which reimbursement is made in the 2002 calendar year and  
343 to exemptions claimed for which reimbursement is made in



subsequent years. The exemption provided for in subsection (2)(b) of this section shall apply to exemptions claimed in the 2015 calendar year for which reimbursement is made in the 2016 calendar year and to exemptions claimed for which reimbursement is made in subsequent years. The exemption provided for in subsection (2)(c) of this section shall apply to exemptions claimed in the 2018 calendar year for which reimbursement is made in the 2019 calendar year and to exemptions claimed for which reimbursement is made in subsequent years. The exemption provided for in subsection (2)(e) of this section shall apply to exemptions claimed in the 2025 calendar year for which reimbursement is made in the 2026 calendar year and to exemptions claimed for which reimbursement is made in subsequent years.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2026.

