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The Florida Senate Announces Historic Property Tax Relief for Florida Homeowners

TALLAHASSEE, FL — Today, the Florida Senate advanced sweeping property tax relief designed to help Florida homeowners—especially middle-class families and seniors—stay in their homes and keep more of what they earn. HJR 1F, a proposed constitutional amendment, significantly expands the homestead exemption while requiring local governments to focus spending on core public services.

“Floridians are facing rising costs in every part of daily life,” **Senator Ileana Garcia** said. “This amendment delivers meaningful, lasting property tax relief to the homeowners who need it most. We are keeping our promise to make Florida affordable for those who live, work, and retire here.”

Under the amendment, which must be approved by voters in the November 2026 general election, permanent Florida residents would see substantial increases to the homestead exemption. Beginning January 1, 2027, the exemption increases to \$150,000. One year later, on January 1, 2028, it increases again to \$250,000.

This exemption is deducted from a home’s assessed value before taxes are calculated and does not apply to ad valorem taxes collected by school boards.

Senator Garcia emphasized that the proposal reflects a longstanding commitment to protecting middle-class families and seniors living on fixed incomes. The Senator stated, “We want people to be able to stay in their homes. We want seniors to age comfortably in place. We want working families to have predictable, manageable bills. This constitutional amendment moves us toward that reality”.

To ensure clarity for voters, the Senator noted that the amendment must be approved statewide in the 2026 general election. She also stressed that essential services will not be defunded and that counties and municipalities will be required to spend the property tax dollars they do receive on core public services, including law enforcement, fire and EMS, education, infrastructure, and natural resource protection.

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“This is about focusing local budgets where they matter most—not cutting services,” **Senator Ileana Garcia** said. “Police, fire, EMS, schools, infrastructure—those remain protected and prioritized.”

The measure encourages local governments to reduce unnecessary spending, increase efficiency, and modernize outdated programs. Services such as libraries, parks, and natural resources can continue to operate through existing fees, streamlined operations, and more efficient allocation of current funds.

“The State of Florida, and I personally, want to bring the relief we have talked about for so long directly to you,” **Senator Garcia said**. “I urge residents to review the facts, support this amendment in November, and claim the relief they deserve while continuing to enjoy the local services their communities provide.”

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