

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-094

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING A-1649/S-1451 WHICH WOULD INCREASE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS FOR HOMESTEAD PROPERTY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, this bill, co-sponsored by Assemblyman Rumpf and Assemblywoman Gove (S-1451 co-sponsored by Senator Connors) would double the income eligibility limits for the homestead property tax reimbursement program, also commonly known as the senior and disabled citizens' property tax freeze program, beginning in tax year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the homestead property tax reimbursement program provides certain senior and disabled homeowners a reimbursement of any annual increase in property taxes above the amount of the tax liability for the year in which the homeowner became eligible for the program. The program applies to anyone who:

- is 65 or more years of age, or who is a disabled person;
- is an owner of a homestead or leases a site in a mobile home park on which site the person owns a manufactured or mobile home;
- has an annual income below the amount specified in the law governing the program; and
- has paid property taxes directly, or through rent, on any homestead or rental unit used as a principal residence in this State for at least 10 consecutive years, at least three of which were as owner of the homestead for which a reimbursement is first sought, or after moving to another homestead in New Jersey, in the full second tax year after moving; and

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WHEREAS, under the bill, the income eligibility limits for the program will increase to \$160,000 from \$80,000 in tax year 2017 for single claimants and for married couples. This increase in the income limits will allow additional citizens to benefit from the program, which effectively holds qualified participants harmless from property tax increases on their homestead after establishing their "base year" liability for the tax; and


WHEREAS, the governing body supports the proposed legislation designed to help our seniors and disabled citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body encourages the passage of A-1649/S-1451 so as to double the income eligibility limits for homestead property tax reimbursement program, also known as the senior and disabled citizens' property tax freeze program.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Murphy, 9th District Legislators and the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 9th day of **February, 2023**.



KELLY LETTERA, RMC
Township Clerk
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