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Property Tax Relief Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies property tax relief provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- expands household income eligibility and increases credit amounts for property tax relief in the form of a renter's credit, beginning in 2027;
- prohibits taxpayers from receiving property tax relief in the form of a homeowner's credit unless taxpayer received the credit within the previous two years, beginning in 2027;
- removes requirements for annual inflation adjustments for a homeowner's credit;
- changes the qualifications, scope, duration, and rates of interest applicable to the discretionary nondiscretionary property tax deferral programs, beginning in 2027;
- prohibits taxpayers from receiving indigent property tax abatement unless the taxpayer received abatement within the previous two years, beginning in 2027;
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requires county auditors to include information on the property tax valuation notice regarding the availability of property tax deferral programs;

- 20 ▶ requires county treasurers to include information on the tax notice regarding the amount of outstanding taxes and interest for taxpayers who receive a property tax deferral;
- 22 ▶ prohibits taxpayers from receiving more than one form of property tax relief, with certain exceptions, beginning in 2027; {and}
- 24 ▶ **requires property tax deferral revenue to offset the county's certified tax rate calculation;**
- 25 ▶ **extends the delinquency period after which a tax sale listing is required for individuals 70 years old or older, from four years to 10 years;**
- 27 ▶ **sets the interest rate at 6% for delinquent property tax and tax notice charges for individuals 65 years old or older;**
- 29 ▶ **excludes a veteran's residential property from eligibility for the veteran armed forces property tax exemption if the veteran's household liquid resources exceed a certain amount; and**
- 33 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

34 None

Other Special Clauses:

36 This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

39 **59-2-919.1 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 518

40 **59-2-924.2 (Effective 01/01/27), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 29**

41 **59-2-1317 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,

43 Chapter 17

44 **59-2-1331 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

45 **59-2-1343 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

47 **59-2a-101 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

49 **59-2a-102 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

51 **59-2a-108 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

53 **59-2a-205 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

53 **59-2a-303 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

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55 **59-2a-305 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
57 **59-2a-401 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
59 **59-2a-402 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
61 **59-2a-702 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
62 **59-2a-902 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
63 **63J-1-602.2 (Effective 01/01/27) (Partially Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah
2025, First Special Session, Chapter 17

65 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

66 **59-2a-701 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172
68 **59-2a-901 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 172

71 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

72 Section 1. Section **59-2-919.1** is amended to read:

73 **59-2-919.1. Notice of property valuation and tax changes.**

65 (1) In addition to the notice requirements of Section 59-2-919, the county auditor, on or before July 22
of each year, shall notify each owner of real estate who is listed on the assessment roll.
68 (2) The notice described in Subsection (1) shall:
69 (a) except as provided in Subsection (5), be sent to all owners of real property by mail 10 or more days
before the day on which:
71 (i) the county board of equalization meets; and
72 (ii) the taxing entity holds a public hearing on the proposed increase in the certified tax rate;
74 (b) be on a form that is:
75 (i) approved by the commission; and
76 (ii) uniform in content in all counties in the state; and
77 (c) contain for each property:
78 (i) the assessor's determination of the value of the property;
79 (ii) the taxable value of the property;
80 (iii) for property assessed by the county assessor:
81 (A) instructions on how the taxpayer may file an application with the county board of equalization to
appeal the valuation or equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1004, including instructions
for filing an application through electronic means; and

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85 (B) the deadline for the taxpayer to make an application to appeal the valuation or equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1004;

87 (iv) for property assessed by the commission:

88 (A) instructions on how the taxpayer may file an application with the commission for a hearing on an objection to the valuation or equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1007;

91 (B) the deadline for the taxpayer to apply to the commission for a hearing on an objection to the valuation or equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1007; and

94 (C) a statement that the taxpayer may not appeal the valuation or equalization of the property to the county board of equalization;

96 (v) itemized tax information for all applicable taxing entities, including:

97 (A) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability for the property in the prior year; and

99 (B) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the current rate;

100 (vi) the following, stated separately:

101 (A) the charter school levy described in Section 53F-2-703;

102 (B) the multicounty assessing and collecting levy described in Subsection 59-2-1602(2);

104 (C) the county assessing and collecting levy described in Subsection 59-2-1602(4);

105 (D) levies for debt service voted on by the public;

106 (E) levies imposed for special purposes under Section 10-6-133.4;

107 (F) the minimum basic tax rate as defined in Section 53F-2-301; and

108 (G) if applicable, the annual payment described in Subsection 63H-1-501(4)(a);

109 (vii) the tax impact on the property;

110 (viii) the date, time, and place of the required public hearing for each entity;

111 (ix) property tax information pertaining to:

112 (A) taxpayer relief; and

113 (B) the residential exemption described in Section 59-2-103;

114 (x) information specifically authorized to be included on the notice under this chapter;

115 (xi) the last property review date of the property as described in Subsection 59-2-303.1(1)(c);

117 (xii) instructions on how the taxpayer may obtain additional information regarding the valuation of the property, including the characteristics and features of the property, from:

120 (A) a website maintained by the county; or

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(B) the statewide web portal developed and maintained by the Multicounty Appraisal Trust under Subsection 59-2-1606(5)(a) for uniform access to property characteristics and features; [and]

124 (xiii) information describing the availability of property tax deferral options for qualifying residential property owners under Sections 59-2a-701 and 59-2a-901, including a telephone number, or a website address on which a telephone is prominently listed, that residential property owners may call to obtain additional information about applying for a deferral; and

129 [(xiii)] (xiv) other information approved by the commission.

130 (3) If a taxing entity that is subject to the notice and hearing requirements of Subsection 59-2-919(4) proposes a tax increase, the notice described in Subsection (1) shall state, in addition to the information required by Subsection (2):

133 (a) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability if the proposed increase is approved;

134 (b) the difference between the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability if the proposed increase is approved and the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the current rate, placed in close proximity to the information described in Subsection (2)(c)(viii);

138 (c) the percentage increase that the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the proposed tax rate represents as compared to the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the current tax rate; and

141 (d) for each taxing entity proposing a tax increase, the dollar amount of additional ad valorem tax revenue, as defined in Section 59-2-919, that would be generated each year if the proposed tax increase is approved.

144 (4) In addition to any other tax relief information required under Subsection (2)(c)(ix)(A), a notice sent to a residential property shall:

146 (a) state, "If you are 65 years old or older, disabled, or experiencing extreme hardship, and this property is your primary residence, you may be eligible to defer payment of this property tax."; and

149 (b) include a telephone number, or a website address on which a telephone number is prominently listed, that the property owner may call to obtain additional information about applying for a deferral.

152 (5)

(a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (5), a county auditor may provide, at the county auditor's discretion, the notice required by this section to a taxpayer by electronic means if a

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taxpayer makes an election, according to procedures determined by the county auditor, to receive the notice by electronic means.

157 (b)

- (i) If a county auditor sends a notice required by this section by electronic means, the county auditor shall attempt to verify whether a taxpayer receives the notice.
- 159 (ii) If the county auditor cannot verify receipt of the notice sent by electronic means 14 days or more before the county board of equalization meets and the taxing entity holds a public hearing on a proposed increase in the certified tax rate, the county auditor shall send the notice required by this section by mail as provided in Subsection (2).
- 164 (c) A taxpayer may revoke an election to receive the notice required by this section by electronic means if the taxpayer provides written notice to the county auditor on or before April 30.
- 167 (d) An election or a revocation of an election under this Subsection (5):
- 168 (i) does not relieve a taxpayer of the duty to pay a tax due under this chapter on or before the due date for paying the tax; or
- 170 (ii) does not alter the requirement that a taxpayer appealing the valuation or the equalization of the taxpayer's real property submit the application for appeal within the time period provided in Subsection 59-2-1004(3).
- 173 (e) A county auditor shall provide the notice required by this section as provided in Subsection (2), until a taxpayer makes a new election in accordance with this Subsection (5), if:
- 176 (i) the taxpayer revokes an election in accordance with Subsection (5)(c) to receive the notice required by this section by electronic means; or
- 178 (ii) the county auditor finds that the taxpayer's electronic contact information is invalid.
- 180 (f) A person is considered to be a taxpayer for purposes of this Subsection (5) regardless of whether the property that is the subject of the notice required by this section is exempt from taxation.

192 Section 2. Section 59-2-924.2 is amended to read:

193 **59-2-924.2. Adjustments to the calculation of a taxing entity's certified tax rate.**

195 (1) For purposes of this section, "certified tax rate" means a certified tax rate calculated in accordance with Section 59-2-924.

197 (2) Beginning January 1, 1997, if a taxing entity receives increased revenues from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-405, 59-2-405.1, 59-2-405.2, 59-2-405.3, or 72-10-110.5 as a result of any county imposing a sales and use tax under Chapter 12, Part 11,

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County Option Sales and Use Tax, the taxing entity shall decrease its certified tax rate to offset the increased revenues.

202 (3)

(a) Beginning July 1, 1997, if a county has imposed a sales and use tax under Chapter 12, Part 11, County Option Sales and Use Tax, the county's certified tax rate shall be:

204 (i) decreased on a one-time basis by the amount of the estimated sales and use tax revenue to be distributed to the county under Subsection 59-12-1102(4); and

206 (ii) increased by the amount necessary to offset the county's reduction in revenue from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-405, 59-2-405.1, 59-2-405.2, 59-2-405.3, or 72-10-110.5 as a result of the decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (3)(a)(i).

210 (b) The commission shall determine estimates of sales and use tax distributions for purposes of Subsection (3)(a).

212 (4) Beginning January 1, 1998, if a municipality has imposed an additional resort communities sales and use tax under Section 59-12-402, the municipality's certified tax rate shall be decreased on a one-time basis by the amount necessary to offset the first 12 months of estimated revenue from the additional resort communities sales and use tax imposed under Section 59-12-402.

217 (5)

(a) This Subsection (5) applies to each county that:

218 (i) establishes a countywide special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, to provide jail service, as provided in Subsection 17D-1-201(10); and

221 (ii) levies a property tax on behalf of the special service district under Section 17D-1-105.

223 (b)

(i) The certified tax rate of each county to which this Subsection (5) applies shall be decreased by the amount necessary to reduce county revenues by the same amount of revenues that will be generated by the property tax imposed on behalf of the special service district.

227 (ii) Each decrease under Subsection (5)(b)(i) shall occur contemporaneously with the levy on behalf of the special service district under Section 17D-1-105.

229 (6)

(a) As used in this Subsection (6):

230 (i) "Annexing county" means a county whose unincorporated area is included within a public safety district by annexation.

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232 (ii) "Annexing municipality" means a municipality whose area is included within a public safety
233 district by annexation.

234 (iii) "Equalized public safety protection tax rate" means the tax rate that results from:

235 (A) calculating, for each participating county and each participating municipality, the property tax
236 revenue necessary:

237 (I) in the case of a fire district, to cover all of the costs associated with providing fire protection,
238 paramedic, and emergency services:

239 (Aa) for a participating county, in the unincorporated area of the county; and

240 (Bb) for a participating municipality, in the municipality; or

241 (II) in the case of a police district, to cover all the costs:

242 (Aa) associated with providing law enforcement service:

243 (Ii) for a participating county, in the unincorporated area of the county; and

245 (Iii) for a participating municipality, in the municipality; and

246 (Bb) that the police district board designates as the costs to be funded by a property tax; and

248 (B) adding all the amounts calculated under Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(A) for all participating counties and
249 all participating municipalities and then dividing that sum by the aggregate taxable value of the
250 property, as adjusted in accordance with Section 59-2-913:

252 (I) for participating counties, in the unincorporated area of all participating counties; and

254 (II) for participating municipalities, in all the participating municipalities.

255 (iv) "Fire district" means a service area under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 9, Service Area Act:

257 (A) created to provide fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services; and

258 (B) in the creation of which an election was not required under Subsection 17B-1-214(3)(d).

260 (v) "Participating county" means a county whose unincorporated area is included within a public
261 safety district at the time of the creation of the public safety district.

263 (vi) "Participating municipality" means a municipality whose area is included within a public safety
264 district at the time of the creation of the public safety district.

265 (vii) "Police district" means a service area under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 9, Service Area Act,
266 within a county of the first class:

267 (A) created to provide law enforcement service; and

268 (B) in the creation of which an election was not required under Subsection 17B-1-214(3)(d).

270 (viii) "Public safety district" means a fire district or a police district.

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271 (ix) "Public safety service" means:

272 (A) in the case of a public safety district that is a fire district, fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services; and

274 (B) in the case of a public safety district that is a police district, law enforcement service.

276 (b) In the first year following creation of a public safety district, the certified tax rate of each participating county and each participating municipality shall be decreased by the amount of the equalized public safety tax rate.

279 (c) In the first budget year following annexation to a public safety district, the certified tax rate of each annexing county and each annexing municipality shall be decreased by an amount equal to the amount of revenue budgeted by the annexing county or annexing municipality:

283 (i) for public safety service; and

284 (ii) in:

285 (A) for a taxing entity operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year, the prior calendar year; or

287 (B) for a taxing entity operating under a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, the prior fiscal year.

289 (d) Each tax levied under this section by a public safety district shall be considered to be levied by:

291 (i) each participating county and each annexing county for purposes of the county's tax limitation under Section 59-2-908; and

293 (ii) each participating municipality and each annexing municipality for purposes of the municipality's tax limitation under Section 10-5-112, for a town, or Section 10-6-133, for a city.

296 (e) The calculation of a public safety district's certified tax rate for the year of annexation shall be adjusted to include an amount of revenue equal to one half of the amount of revenue budgeted by the annexing entity for public safety service in the annexing entity's prior fiscal year if:

300 (i) the public safety district operates on a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year;

301 (ii) the public safety district approves an annexation of an entity operating on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year; and

303 (iii) the annexation described in Subsection (6)(e)(ii) takes effect on July 1.

304 (7)

(a) The base taxable value as defined in Section 17C-1-102 shall be reduced for any year to the extent necessary to provide a community reinvestment agency established under Title 17C, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Community Reinvestment Agency Act, with approximately

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the same amount of money the agency would have received without a reduction in the county's certified tax rate, calculated in accordance with Section 59-2-924, if:

- (i) in that year there is a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2) or [(3)(a)] (3)(a)(i);
- (ii) the amount of the decrease is more than 20% of the county's certified tax rate of the previous year; and
- (iii) the decrease results in a reduction of the amount to be paid to the agency under Section 17C-1-403 or 17C-1-404.

(b) The base taxable value as defined in Section 17C-1-102 shall be increased in any year to the extent necessary to provide a community reinvestment agency with approximately the same amount of money as the agency would have received without an increase in the certified tax rate that year if:

- (i) in that year the base taxable value as defined in Section 17C-1-102 is reduced due to a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2) or [(3)(a)] (3)(a)(i); and
- (ii) the certified tax rate of a city, school district, special district, or special service district increases independent of the adjustment to the taxable value of the base year.

(c) Notwithstanding a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2) or (3)(a), the amount of money allocated and, when collected, paid each year to a community reinvestment agency established under Title 17C, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Community Reinvestment Agency Act, for the payment of bonds or other contract indebtedness, but not for administrative costs, may not be less than that amount would have been without a decrease in the certified tax rate under Subsection (2) or [(3)(a)] (3)(a)(i).

(8)

(a) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2014, the calculation of a county assessing and collecting levy shall be adjusted by the amount necessary to offset:

- (i) any change in the certified tax rate that may result from amendments to Part 16, Multicounty Assessing and Collecting Levy, in Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 270, Section 3; and
- (ii) the difference in the amount of revenue a taxing entity receives from or contributes to the Property Tax Valuation Fund, created in Section 59-2-1602, that may result from amendments to Part 16, Multicounty Assessing and Collecting Levy, in Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 270, Section 3.

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(b) A taxing entity is not required to comply with the notice and public hearing requirements in Section 59-2-919 for an adjustment to the county assessing and collecting levy described in Subsection (8) (a).

344 (9) If a taxing entity receives decreased revenues from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-405 as a result of any error in applying uniform fees to motor vehicle registration in the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2023, the commission may, for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2024, increase the taxing entity's budgeted revenue to offset the decreased revenues.

349 (10) Beginning January 1, 2027:

350 (a) if a county receives increased revenues from payment of deferred property taxes under Section 59-2a-701 or 59-2a-901, the county's certified tax rate shall be decreased by the amount necessary to offset the increased revenues; and

353 (b) if a county receives decreased revenues from deferral of property taxes under Section 59-2a-701 or 59-2a-901, the county's certified tax rate shall be increased by the amount necessary to offset the decreased revenues.

356 Section 3. Section **59-2-1317** is amended to read:

357 **59-2-1317. Tax notice -- Contents of notice -- Procedures and requirements for providing notice.**

186 (1) As used in this section, "political subdivision lien" means the same as that term is defined in Section 11-60-102.

188 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the county treasurer shall:

189 (a) collect the taxes and tax notice charges; and

190 (b) provide a notice to each taxpayer that contains the following:

191 (i) the kind and value of property assessed to the taxpayer;

192 (ii) the street address of the property, if available to the county;

193 (iii) that the property may be subject to a detailed review in the next year under Section 59-2-303.1;

195 (iv) the amount of taxes levied;

196 (v) a separate statement of the taxes levied only on a certain kind or class of property for a special purpose;

198 (vi) instructions for payment of the taxes and tax notice charges applicable to the property, including the taxpayer's payment options and collection procedures;

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200 (vii) any tax notice charges applicable to the property, including:

201 (A) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for road damage that a railroad company causes, as
described in Section 10-7-30;

203 (B) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for municipal water distribution, as described in Section
10-8-17, or a political subdivision lien for an increase in supply from a municipal water distribution,
as described in Section 10-8-19;

206 (C) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for unpaid abatement fees as described in Section 10-11-4;

208 (D) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for the unpaid portion of an assessment assessed in
accordance with Title 11, Chapter 42, Assessment Area Act, or Title 11, Chapter 42a, Commercial
Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, including unpaid costs, charges, and interest as of the date the
local entity certifies the unpaid amount to the county treasurer;

213 (E) if applicable, for a special district in accordance with Section 17B-1-902, a political subdivision lien
for an unpaid fee, administrative cost, or interest;

215 (F) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for an unpaid irrigation district use charge as described in
Section 17B-2a-506;

217 (G) if applicable, a political subdivision lien for a contract assessment under a water contract, as
described in Section 17B-2a-1007;

219 (H) if applicable, a property tax penalty that a public infrastructure district imposes, as described in
Section 17D-4-304; [and]

221 (I) if applicable, an annual payment to the Military Installation Development Authority or an entity
designated by the authority in accordance with Section 63H-1-501; and

224 (J) if applicable, the total amount of deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and accrued interest
that is outstanding for an owner of residential property granted a property tax deferral under Section
59-2a-701 or 59-2a-901;

227 (viii) if a county's tax notice includes an assessment area charge, a statement that, due to potentially
ongoing assessment area charges, costs, penalties, and interest, payment of a tax notice charge may
not:

230 (A) pay off the full amount the property owner owes to the tax notice entity; or

231 (B) cause a release of the lien underlying the tax notice charge;

232 (ix) if applicable, the annual payment described in Subsection 63H-1-501(4)(a);

233 (x) the date the taxes and tax notice charges are due;

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234 (xi) the street address or website at which the taxes and tax notice charges may be paid;

236 (xii) the date on which the taxes and tax notice charges are delinquent;

237 (xiii) the penalty imposed on delinquent taxes and tax notice charges;

238 (xiv) a statement that explains the taxpayer's right to direct allocation of a partial payment in accordance
with Subsection (9);

240 (xv) other information specifically authorized to be included on the notice under this chapter;

242 (xvi) other property tax information approved by the commission; and

243 (xvii) if sent in calendar year 2024, 2025, or 2026:

244 (A) notice that the taxpayer may request electronic notice as described in Subsection 17-71-302(1)(m);
and

246 (B) instructions describing how to elect to receive a notice as described in Subsection 17-71-302(1)(m).

248 (3)

250 (a) Unless expressly allowed under this section or another statutory provision, the treasurer may not add
an amount to be collected to the property tax notice.

253 (b) If the county treasurer adds an amount to be collected to the property tax notice under this section or
another statutory provision that expressly authorizes the item's inclusion on the property tax notice:

254 (i) the amount constitutes a tax notice charge; and

255 (ii)

256 (A) the tax notice charge has the same priority as property tax; and

257 (B) a delinquency of the tax notice charge triggers a tax sale, in accordance with Section 59-2-1343.

258 (4) For any property for which property taxes or tax notice charges are delinquent, the notice described
in Subsection (2) shall state, "Prior taxes or tax notice charges are delinquent on this parcel."

259 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (6), the county treasurer shall:

260 (a) mail the notice required by this section, postage prepaid; or

261 (b) leave the notice required by this section at the taxpayer's residence or usual place of business, if
known.

262 (6)

263 (a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (6), a county treasurer may, at the county
treasurer's discretion, provide the notice required by this section by electronic mail if a taxpayer
makes an election, according to procedures determined by the county treasurer, to receive the notice
by electronic mail.

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268 (b) A taxpayer may revoke an election to receive the notice required by this section by electronic mail if
the taxpayer provides written notice to the treasurer on or before October 1.

271 (c) A revocation of an election under this section does not relieve a taxpayer of the duty to pay a tax or
tax notice charge due under this chapter on or before the due date for paying the tax or tax notice
charge.

274 (d) A county treasurer shall provide the notice required by this section using a method described in
Subsection (5), until a taxpayer makes a new election in accordance with this Subsection (6), if:

277 (i) the taxpayer revokes an election in accordance with Subsection (6)(b) to receive the notice required
by this section by electronic mail; or

279 (ii) the county treasurer finds that the taxpayer's electronic mail address is invalid.

280 (e) A person is considered to be a taxpayer for purposes of this Subsection (6) regardless of whether the
property that is the subject of the notice required by this section is exempt from taxation.

283 (7)

(a) The county treasurer shall provide the notice required by this section to a taxpayer on or before
November 1.

285 (b) The county treasurer shall keep on file in the county treasurer's office the information set forth in the
notice.

287 (c) The county treasurer is not required to mail a tax receipt acknowledging payment.

288 (8) This section does not apply to property taxed under Section 59-2-1302 or 59-2-1307.

289 (9)

(a) A taxpayer who pays less than the full amount due on the taxpayer's property tax notice may, on a
form provided by the county treasurer, direct how the county treasurer allocates the partial payment
between:

292 (i) the total amount due for property tax;

293 (ii) the amount due for assessments, past due special district fees, and other tax notice charges; and

295 (iii) any other amounts due on the property tax notice.

296 (b) The county treasurer shall comply with a direction submitted to the county treasurer in accordance
with Subsection (9)(a).

298 (c) The provisions of this Subsection (9) do not:

299 (i) affect the right or ability of a local entity to pursue any available remedy for non-payment of any
item listed on a taxpayer's property tax notice; or

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301 (ii) toll or otherwise change any time period related to a remedy described in Subsection (9)(c)(i).

476 Section 4. Section **59-2-1331** is amended to read:

477 **59-2-1331. Property tax due date -- Date tax is delinquent -- Penalty -- Interest -- Payments**
306 **-- Refund of prepayment.**

(1)

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) and subject to Subsections (1)(c) and (d), all property taxes, unless otherwise specifically provided for under Section 59-2-1332, or other law, and any tax notice charges, are due on November 30 of each year following the date of levy.

310 (b) If November 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday:

311 (i) the date of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday shall be substituted in Subsection (1)(a) and Subsection 59-2-1332(1) for November 30; and

314 (ii) the date of the day occurring 30 days after the date under Subsection (1)(b)(i) shall be substituted in Subsection 59-2-1332(1) for December 30.

316 (c) If a property tax is paid or postmarked after the due date described in this Subsection (1) the property tax is delinquent.

318 (d) A county treasurer or other public official, public entity, or public employee may not require the payment of a property tax before the due date described in this Subsection (1).

321 (2)

(a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(e), (f), and ~~(g)~~⁽ⁱ⁾ (g), for each parcel, all delinquent taxes and tax notice charges on each separately assessed parcel are subject to a penalty of 2.5% of the amount of the delinquent taxes and tax notice charges or \$10, whichever is greater.

325 (b) Unless the delinquent taxes and tax notice charges, together with the penalty, are paid on or before January 31, the amount of taxes and tax notice charges and penalty shall bear interest on a per annum basis from the January 1 immediately following the delinquency date.

329 (c) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), for purposes of Subsection (2)(b), the interest rate is equal to the sum of:

331 (i) 6%; and

332 (ii) the federal funds rate target:

333 (A) established by the Federal Open Market Committee; and

334 (B) that exists on the January 1 immediately following the date of delinquency.

335 (d)

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(i) The interest rate described in Subsection (2)(c) may not be:

[(i) (A) less than 7%; or

[(ii) (B) more than 10%.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(c), for purposes of Subsection (2)(b), the interest rate for an individual who is 65 years old or older is equal to 6%.

(e) The penalty described in Subsection (2)(a) is 1% of the amount of the delinquent taxes and tax notice charges or \$10, whichever is greater, if all delinquent taxes, all tax notice charges, and the penalty are paid on or before the January 31 immediately following the delinquency date.

(f) This section does not apply to the costs, charges, and interest rate accruing on any tax notice charge related to an assessment assessed in accordance with:

(i) Title 11, Chapter 42, Assessment Area Act; or

(ii) Title 11, Chapter 42a, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

(g)

(i) The county shall waive any penalty or interest for a property granted a deferral in accordance with Section 59-2a-801 from the day of the delinquency through the end of the deferral period.

(ii) For a property granted a deferral in accordance with Section 59-2a-701 or 59-2a-901 for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, from the day of the delinquency through the end of the deferral period:

(A) the county shall waive the penalty described in Subsection (2)(a); and

(B) interest accrues on deferred taxes and tax notice charges in accordance with Subsection 59-2a-701(8) or 59-2a-901(8), as applicable.

[(ii) (iii) Penalties and interest accrue in accordance with this Subsection (2) on any tax or tax notice charge that is delinquent after the deferral period ends.

(3)

(a) If the delinquency exceeds one year, the amount of taxes, tax notice charges, and penalties for that year and all succeeding years shall bear interest until settled in full through redemption or tax sale.

(b) The interest rate to be applied shall be calculated for each year as established under Subsection (2) and shall apply on each individual year's delinquency until paid.

(4) The county treasurer may accept and credit on account against taxes and tax notice charges becoming due during the current year, at any time before or after the tax rates are adopted, but not subsequent to the date of delinquency, either:

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365 (a) payments in amounts of not less than \$10; or

366 (b) the full amount of the unpaid tax and tax notice charges.

367 (5)

368 (a) At any time before the county treasurer provides the tax notice described in Section 59-2-1317, the
369 county treasurer may refund amounts accepted and credited on account against taxes and tax notice
370 charges becoming due during the current year.

371 (b) Upon recommendation by the county treasurer, the county legislative body shall adopt rules or
372 ordinances to implement the provisions of this Subsection (5).

547 Section 5. Section **59-2-1343** is amended to read:

548 **59-2-1343. Tax sale listing.**

374 (1)

375 (a)

376 (i) *[If] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), if* any property is not redeemed by March 15
377 following the lapse of four years from the date when any item in Subsection (1)(b) became
378 delinquent, the county treasurer shall immediately file a listing with the county auditor of all
379 properties whose redemption period is expiring in the nearest forthcoming tax sale to pay all
380 outstanding property taxes and tax notice charges.

555 (ii) *The county treasurer may not file a tax sale listing under this Subsection (1)(a) for an individual*
who, as of the first year in which any item in Subsection (1)(b) became delinquent, is 70 years
old or older until the lapse of 10 years from the date on which the item in Subsection (1)(b)
became delinquent.

379 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), a delinquency of any of the following triggers the tax sale
380 process described in Subsection (1)(a):

381 (i) property tax; or

382 (ii) a tax notice charge.

383 (c) A property tax or a tax notice charge that is deferred in accordance with Section 59-2a-801 is
384 delinquent only if full payment of the property tax and any tax notice charges is not made before the
385 end of the five-year deferral period.

386 (d) *For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, tax and tax notice charges deferred in*
accordance with Section 59-2a-701 or 59-2a-901 become delinquent only if full payment of the
following is not made before the end of the deferral period:

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389 (i) the taxes and tax notice charges deferred during the deferral period; and

390 (ii) interest accrued on the taxes and tax notice charges described in Subsection (1)(d)(i).

392 (2) The listing is known as the "tax sale listing."

573 Section 6. Section **59-2a-101** is amended to read:

574 **59-2a-101. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

396 (1) "Active component of the United States Armed Forces" means the same as that term is defined in
Section 59-10-1027.

398 (2) "Active duty claimant" means a member of an active component of the United States Armed Forces
or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who:

400 (a) performed qualifying active duty military service; and

401 (b) applies for an exemption described in Part 6, Active Duty Armed Forces Exemption.

402 (3) "Adjusted property tax amount" means the amount of property taxes, from the current year property
tax amount, that an eligible owner is required to pay for a calendar year in which the eligible
owner receives a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, or Part 9,
Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners.

406 [({3})] (4) "Adjusted taxable value limit" means:

407 (a) for the calendar year that begins on January 1, 2023, \$479,504; or

408 (b) for each calendar year after the calendar year that begins on January 1, 2023, the amount of the
adjusted taxable value limit for the previous year plus an amount calculated by multiplying the
amount of the adjusted taxable value limit for the previous year by the actual percent change in the
[econsumer price index] Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

413 (5) "Base year property tax amount" means:

414 (a) for a calendar year in which an eligible owner did not receive a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary
Deferral for Eligible Owners, or Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, for the
preceding calendar year, the amount of property taxes levied on the eligible owner's primary
residence for the preceding calendar year; and

418 (b) for a calendar year in which an eligible owner received a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary
Deferral for Eligible Owners, or Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, for the
preceding calendar year, the amount of property taxes levied on the eligible owner's primary

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residence for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the eligible owner first received the deferral.

423 [(4)] (6) "Claim" means:

424 (a) a claim for tax abatement described in Subsection [(21)(a)] (24)(a) or a credit under Part 2, Renter's Credit, or Part 3, Homeowner's Credit;

426 (b) an exemption under Part 5, Veteran Armed Forces Exemption, or Part 6, Active Duty Armed Forces Exemption; or

428 (c) an application for an abatement under Part 4, Abatement for Indigent Individuals, or a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, Part 8, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Property with Qualifying Increase, or Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for [Elderly Property] Eligible Owners.

432 [(5)] (7)

(a) "Claimant" means a homeowner or renter who:

433 (i) files a claim under Part 2, Renter's Credit, or Part 3, Homeowner's Credit, for a residence;

435 (ii) is domiciled in this state for the entire calendar year for which a claim for relief is filed; and

437 (iii) on or before December 31 of the year for which a claim for relief is filed, is:

438 (A) 66 years old or older if the individual was born on or before December 31, 1959; or

440 (B) 67 years old or older if the individual was born on or after January 1, 1960.

441 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection [(5)(a)] (7)(a), "claimant" includes a surviving spouse:

442 (i) regardless of:

443 (A) the age of the surviving spouse; or

444 (B) the age of the deceased spouse at the time of death;

445 (ii) if the surviving spouse meets:

446 (A) the requirements described in Subsections [(5)(a)(i)] (7)(a)(i) and [(5)(a)(ii)] (7)(a)(ii); and

448 (B) the income requirements described in Part 2, Renter's Credit, if the surviving spouse is filing a claim for a renter's credit, or Part 3, Homeowner's Credit, if the surviving spouse is filing a claim for a homeowner's credit;

451 (iii) if the surviving spouse is part of the same household of the deceased spouse at the time of death of the deceased spouse; and

453 (iv) if the surviving spouse is unmarried at the time the surviving spouse files the claim.

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(c) If two or more individuals of a household are able to meet the qualifications for a claimant, the individuals may determine among them as to who the claimant shall be, but if the individuals are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the county legislative body for a determination of the claimant of an owned residence and to the commission for a determination of the claimant of a rented residence.

460 [({6})] (8) "Consumer [price index] Price Index" means:

461 (a) for Part 2, Renter's Credit, and Part 3, Homeowner's Credit, the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, Housing United States Cities Average, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor; and

464 (b) for the other parts of this chapter, the same as that term is described in Section 1(f)(4), Internal Revenue Code, and defined in Section 1(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.

467 (9) "Current year property tax amount" means the amount of property taxes levied on an eligible owner's primary residence for the current calendar year.

469 [({7})] (10) "Deceased veteran with a disability" means a deceased individual who was a veteran with a disability at the time the individual died.

471 [({8})] (11) "Deferral" means a postponement of a tax due date or a tax notice charge granted in accordance with Section 59-2a-701, 59-2a-801, or 59-2a-901.

473 [({9}) "Eligible owner" means an owner of an attached or a detached single-family residence:]

474 [({a})

(i) who is 75 years old or older on or before December 31 of the year in which the individual applies for a deferral under Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Elderly Property Owners;]

477 [({ii}) whose household income does not exceed 200% of the maximum household income certified to a homeowner's credit described in Section 59-2a-305; and]

479 [({iii}) whose household liquid resources do not exceed 20 times the amount of property taxes levied on the owner's residence for the preceding calendar year; or]

481 [({b}) that is a trust described in Section 59-2a-109 if the grantor of the trust is an individual described in Subseetion (9)(a).]

483 (12) "Eligible owner" means:

484 (a) for a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, an owner of an attached or detached single-family residence:

486 (i)

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- (A) who uses the residence as the owner's primary residence as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the owner applies for the deferral;
- (B) who owns the residence for at least one year as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the owner applies for the deferral;
- (C) whose household income does not exceed { \$50,000 } \$60,000, subject to adjustment in accordance with 59-2a-701(11); and
- (D) whose household liquid resources do not exceed { 20 } 40 times the amount of property taxes levied on the residence for the preceding calendar year; or
- (ii) that is a trust described in Section 59-2a-109 if the grantor of the trust is an individual described in Subsection (12)(a)(i); and
- (b) for a deferral under Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, an owner of an attached or detached single-family residence:
- (i)
 - (A) who uses the residence as the owner's primary residence as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the owner applies for the deferral;
 - (B) who owns the residence for at least one year as of January 1 of the calendar year for which the owner applies for the deferral;
 - (C) who is 65 years old or older on or before December 31 of the calendar year for which the owner applies for the deferral;
 - (D) whose household income does not exceed { \$60,000 } \$75,000, subject to adjustment in accordance with Subsection 59-2a-901(11); and
 - (E) whose household liquid resources do not exceed { 20 } 40 times the amount of property taxes levied on the residence for the preceding calendar year; or
 - (ii) that is a trust described in Section 59-2a-109 if the grantor of the trust is an individual described in Subsection (12)(b)(i).

[{10}] (13)

(a) "Eligible property" means property owned by a veteran claimant that is:

[(a)] (i) except as provided in Subsection (13)(b), the veteran claimant's primary residence, including a residence that the veteran claimant does not reside in because the veteran claimant is admitted as an inpatient at a health care facility as defined in Section 26B-4-501; or

[(b)] (ii) tangible personal property that:

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513 ~~(i)~~ (A) is held exclusively for personal use; and

514 ~~(ii)~~ (B) is not used in a trade or business.

698 ~~(b) "Eligible property" does not include a veteran claimant's primary residence if the veteran claimant's household liquid resources exceed 40 times the amount of property taxes levied on the primary residence for the preceding calendar year.~~

515 ~~(14)~~

(a) "Gross rent" means rent actually paid in cash or the cash equivalent solely for the right of occupancy, at arm's length, of a residence, exclusive of charges for any utilities, services, furniture, furnishings, or personal appliances furnished by the landlord as a part of the rental agreement.

519 (b) If a claimant occupies two or more residences in the year, "gross rent" means the total rent paid for the residences during the one-year period for which the renter files a claim under this part.

522 ~~(15)~~

(a) "Homeowner" means:

523 (i) an individual whose name is listed on the deed of a residence; or

524 (ii) if a residence is owned in a qualifying trust, an individual who is a grantor, trustor, or settlor or holds another similar role in the trust.

526 (b) "Homeowner" does not include:

527 (i) if a residence is owned by any type of entity other than a qualifying trust, an individual who holds an ownership interest in that entity; or

529 (ii) an individual who is listed on a deed of a residence along with an entity other than a qualifying trust.

531 ~~(16)~~ "Homeowner's credit" means a credit against a claimant's property tax liability.

532 ~~(17)~~ "Household" means the association of individuals who live in the same dwelling, sharing the dwelling's furnishings, facilities, accommodations, and expenses.

534 ~~(18)~~

(a) "Household income" means all income received by all members of a claimant's household in:

536 (i) for a claimant who owns a residence, the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which property taxes are due; or

538 (ii) for a claimant who rents a residence, the year for which a claim is filed.

539 (b) "Household income" does not include income received by a member of a claimant's household who is:

541 (i) under 18 years old; or

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542 (ii) a parent or a grandparent, through blood, marriage, or adoption, of the claimant or the claimant's
spouse.

544 ~~(16)~~ (19) "Household liquid resources" means the following resources that are not included in an
individual's household income and held by one or more members of the individual's household:

547 (a) cash on hand;
548 (b) money in a checking or savings account;
549 (c) savings certificates; and
550 (d) stocks or bonds.

551 ~~(17)~~ (20) "Income" means the sum of:

552 (a) federal adjusted gross income as defined in Section 62, Internal Revenue Code; and
553 (b) nontaxable income.

554 ~~(18)~~ (21) "Indigent individual" means a poor individual as described in Utah Constitution, Article
XIII, Section 3, Subsection (4), who:

556 (a)
557 (i) is 65 years old or older; or
558 (ii) is less than 65 years old and:
559 (A) the county finds that extreme hardship would prevail on the individual if the county does not defer
or abate the individual's taxes; or
560 (B) the individual has a disability;
561 (b) has a total household income of less than the maximum household income certified to a
homeowner's credit described in Section 59-2a-305;
563 (c) resides for at least 10 months of the year in the residence that would be subject to the requested
abatement; and
565 (d) cannot pay the tax assessed on the individual's residence when the tax becomes due.

566 ~~(19)~~ (22) "Military entity" means:

567 (a) the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
568 (b) an active component of the United States Armed Forces; or
569 (c) a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces.

570 ~~(20)~~ (23)

(a) "Nontaxable income" means amounts excluded from adjusted gross income under the Internal
Revenue Code, including:

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572 (i) capital gains;

573 (ii) loss carry forwards claimed during the taxable year in which a claimant files for relief under this chapter;

575 (iii) depreciation claimed pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code by a claimant on the residence for which the claimant files for relief under this chapter;

577 (iv) support money received;

578 (v) nontaxable strike benefits;

579 (vi) the gross amount of a pension or annuity, including benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, 45 U.S.C. Sec. 231 et seq., and veterans disability pensions;

582 (vii) except for payments described in Subsection [(20)(b)(vi)] (23)(b)(vi), payments received under the Social Security Act;

584 (viii) state unemployment insurance amounts;

585 (ix) nontaxable interest received from any source;

586 (x) workers' compensation;

587 (xi) the gross amount of "loss of time" insurance; and

588 (xii) voluntary contributions to a tax-deferred retirement plan.

589 (b) "Nontaxable income" does not include:

590 (i) public assistance;

591 (ii) aid, assistance, or contributions from a tax-exempt nongovernmental source;

592 (iii) surplus foods;

593 (iv) relief in kind supplied by a public or private agency;

594 (v) relief provided under this chapter;

595 (vi) [Social Security Disability Income] social security disability income payments received under the Social Security Act;

597 (vii) federal tax refunds;

598 (viii) federal child tax credits received under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 24;

599 (ix) federal earned income tax credits received under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 32;

600 (x) payments received under a reverse mortgage;

601 (xi) payments or reimbursements to senior program volunteers under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5058; or

603 (xii) gifts or bequests.

604 [(21)] (24)

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- (a) "Property taxes accrued" means property taxes, exclusive of special assessments, delinquent interest, and charges for service, levied on 35% of the fair market value, as reflected on the assessment roll, of a claimant's residence in this state.
- 608 (b) For a mobile home, "property taxes accrued" includes taxes imposed on both the land upon which the home is situated and on the structure of the home itself, whether classified as real property or personal property taxes.
- 611 (c) The relief described in Subsection [(21)(a)] (24)(a) constitutes:
- 612 (i) a tax abatement for the poor in accordance with Utah Constitution, Article XIII, { Section 3; and } [{f}]
614 Section 3; and
- 615 { (ii) } Section 3; and
- 800 (ii) the residential exemption provided for in Section 59-2-103.
- 616 (d) For purposes of this Subsection [(21)] (24), property taxes accrued are levied on the lien date.
- 618 (e) When a household owns and occupies two or more different residences in this state in the same calendar year, and neither residence is acquired or sold during the calendar year for which relief is claimed under this part, property taxes accrued shall relate only to the residence occupied on the lien date by the household as the household's principal place of residence.
- 623 (f)
 - (i) If a residence is an integral part of a large unit such as a farm or a multipurpose or multidwelling building, property taxes accrued shall be calculated on the percentage that the value of the residence is of the total value of the unit.
 - 626 (ii) For purposes of this Subsection [(21)(f)] (24)(f), "unit" refers to the parcel of property covered by a single tax statement of which the residence is a part.
- 628 [(22)] (25) "Property taxes due" means:
- 629 (a) for a claimant:
 - 630 (i) the taxes due for which the county or the commission grants a tax abatement for the poor described in Subsection [(21)] (24) or a credit; and
 - 632 (ii) for the calendar year for which the tax abatement for the poor or credit is granted;
- 633 (b) for an indigent individual:
 - 634 (i) the taxes due for which a county granted an abatement under Section 59-2a-401; and
 - 636 (ii) for the calendar year for which the county grants the abatement;

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- 637 (c) for an active duty claimant:
 - 638 (i) the taxes due for which the county or the commission grants an exemption; and
 - 639 (ii) for the calendar year for which the exemption is granted; or
- 640 (d) for a veteran claimant:
 - 641 (i)
 - 643 (A) the taxes due for which the county or the commission grants an exemption; and
 - 644 (B) for the calendar year for which the exemption is granted; and
 - 645 (ii) a uniform fee on tangible personal property described in Section 59-2-405 that is:
 - 646 (A) owned by the veteran claimant; and
 - 647 (B) assessed for the calendar year for which the county grants an exemption.
 - 648 [(23)] (26) "Property taxes paid" means an amount equal to the sum of:
 - 649 (a) the amount of property taxes, and for a veteran claimant, uniform fee, paid for the taxable year for which the individual applied for relief described in this chapter; and
 - 650 (b) the amount of the relief the county grants under this chapter.
 - 651 [(24)] (27) "Public assistance" means:
 - 652 (a) medical assistance provided under Title 26B, Chapter 3, Health Care - Administration and Assistance;
 - 653 (b) SNAP benefits as defined in Section 35A-1-102;
 - 654 (c) services or benefits provided under Title 35A, Chapter 3, Employment Support Act; and
 - 655 (d) foster care maintenance payments provided from the General Fund or under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.
 - 656 [(25)] (28) "Qualifying active duty military service" means at least 200 days, regardless of whether consecutive, in any continuous 365-day period of active duty military service outside the state in an active component of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, if the days of active duty military service:
 - 657 (a) were completed in the year before an individual applies for an exemption described in Section 59-2a-601; and
 - 658 (b) have not previously been counted as qualifying active duty military service for purposes of qualifying for an exemption described in Section 59-2a-601 or applying for the exemption as described in Section 59-2a-602.

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[{26}] (29) "Qualifying disabled veteran claimant" means a veteran claimant who has a 100% service-connected disability rating by the Veterans Benefits Administration that is permanent and total.

671 [({27})] (30) "Qualifying increase" means a valuation that is equal to or more than 150% higher than the previous year's valuation for property that:

673 (a) is county assessed; and

674 (b) on or after January 1 of the previous year and before January 1 of the current year has not had:

676 (i) a physical improvement if the fair market value of the physical improvement increases enough to result in the valuation increase solely as a result of the physical improvement;

679 (ii) a zoning change if the fair market value of the real property increases enough to result in the valuation increase solely as a result of the zoning change; or

681 (iii) a change in the legal description of the real property, if the fair market value of the real property increases enough to result in the valuation increase solely as a result of the change in the legal description of the real property.

684 [({28})] (31) "Qualifying trust" means a trust holding title to real or tangible personal property for which an individual:

686 (a) makes a claim under this [part] chapter;

687 (b) proves to the satisfaction of the county that title to the portion of the trust will vest in the individual upon the exercise of a power:

689 (i) by:

690 (A) the individual as grantor, trustor, settlor, or in another similar role of the trust;

691 (B) a nonadverse party; or

692 (C) both the individual and a nonadverse party; and

693 (ii) regardless of whether the power is a power:

694 (A) to revoke;

695 (B) to terminate;

696 (C) to alter;

697 (D) to amend; or

698 (E) to appoint; and

699 (c) is obligated to pay the taxes on that portion of the trust property beginning January 1 of the year the individual makes the claim.

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[{29}] (32) "Relative" means a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or a spouse of any of these individuals.

704 [{30}] (33) "Rental assistance payment" means any payment that:

705 (a) is made by a:

706 (i) governmental entity;

707 (ii) charitable organization; or

708 (iii) religious organization; and

709 (b) is specifically designated for the payment of rent of a claimant:

710 (i) for the calendar year for which the claimant seeks a renter's credit under this part; and

712 (ii) regardless of whether the payment is made to the claimant or the landlord.

713 [{31}] (34) "Reserve component of the United States Armed Forces" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-10-1027.

715 [{32}] (35)

(a)

718 (i) "Residence" means a dwelling in this state, whether owned or rented, and so much of the land surrounding the dwelling, not exceeding one acre, as is reasonably necessary for use of the dwelling as a home.

719 (ii) "Residence" includes a dwelling that is:

720 (A) a part of a multidwelling or multipurpose building and a part of the land upon which the multidwelling or multipurpose building is built; and

721 (B) a mobile home, manufactured home, or houseboat.

722 (b) "Residence" does not include personal property such as furniture, furnishings, or appliances.

723 (c) For purposes of this Subsection [{32}] (35), "owned" includes a vendee in possession under a land contract or one or more joint tenants or tenants in common.

726 [{33}] (36) "Statement of disability" means a document:

727 (a) issued by a military entity; and

728 (b) that lists the percentage of disability for the veteran with a disability or deceased veteran with a disability.

730 [{34}] (37) "Tax notice charge" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-2-1301.5.

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[{35}] (38) "Veteran claimant" means one of the following individuals who applies for an exemption described in Section 59-2a-501:

- 734 (a) a veteran with a disability;
- 735 (b) the unmarried surviving spouse of:
 - 736 (i) a deceased veteran with a disability; or
 - 737 (ii) a veteran who was killed in action or died in the line of duty; or
- 738 (c) a minor orphan of:
 - 739 (i) a deceased veteran with a disability; or
 - 740 (ii) a veteran who was killed in action or died in the line of duty.

741 [{36}] (39) "Veteran who was killed in action or died in the line of duty" means an individual who was killed in action or died in the line of duty in an active component of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, regardless of whether that individual had a disability at the time that individual was killed in action or died in the line of duty.

746 [{37}] (40) "Veteran with a disability" means an individual with a disability who, during military training or a military conflict, acquired a disability in the line of duty in an active component of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, as determined by a military entity.

935 Section 7. Section **59-2a-102** is amended to read:

59-2a-102. Right to file claim -- Death of claimant.

- 752 (1)
 - 754 (a) The right to file a claim under this chapter is personal to the individual eligible to file the claim.
 - 756 (b) The right to file a claim does not survive the death of the individual eligible to file the claim.
 - 758 (c) The right to file a claim may be exercised on behalf of an individual eligible to file the claim by:
 - 759 (i) a legal guardian; or
 - 760 (ii) an attorney-in-fact.
- 763 (2)
 - 764 (a) If an individual dies after having filed a timely claim, the county or the commission shall disburse the amount of the claim to another member of the household as determined by the commission by rule.
 - 765 (b) If the individual described in Subsection (2)(a) was the only member of the household, the county or the commission may pay the claim to the executor or administrator, except that if neither an

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executor or administrator is appointed and qualified within two years of the filing of the claim, the amount of the claim escheats to the state.

768 (3) If the individual is the grantor, trustor, or settlor of or holds another similar role in a qualifying trust and the individual meets the requirements of one or more parts of this chapter, the individual may claim the portion of the credit and be treated as the owner of that portion of the property held in trust.

772 (4) The relief described in Subsection [59-2a-101(21)(a)] 59-2a-101(24)(a) is in addition to any other exemption or reduction for which a homeowner may be eligible, including the homeowner's credit provided for in Section 59-2a-305.

960 Section 8. Section **59-2a-108** is amended to read:

59-2a-108. Extension of time for filing application -- Rulemaking authority -- County authority to make refunds.

778 (1)

(a) The commission or a county may extend the time for filing an application until December 31 of the year the application is required to be filed if, subject to any rules made by the commission under Subsection (1)(b), the commission or county finds that good cause exists to extend the deadline.

782 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules to establish the circumstances under which the commission or a county may, for good cause, extend the deadline for filing an application under Subsection (1)(a).

786 (2) A county granting an abatement described in Subsection [59-2a-101(21)] 59-2a-101(24) or to an indigent individual, a homeowner's credit, or an exemption described in Part 5, Veteran Armed Forces Exemption, or Part 6, Active Duty Armed Forces Exemption, shall refund to the recipient of the abatement, homeowner's credit, or exemption an amount equal to the amount by which the property taxes paid exceed the property taxes due, if that amount is \$1 or more.

977 Section 9. Section **59-2a-205** is amended to read:

59-2a-205. Amount of renter's credit -- Cost-of-living adjustment -- Prohibition on credit for rental assistance payment -- Calculation of credit when rent includes utilities -- Limitation -- General Fund as source of credit -- Maximum credit.

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(a) Subject to Subsections [2] and [3] and (4), for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, [2024] 2025, and before January 1, 2027, a claimant may claim a renter's credit for the previous calendar year that does not exceed the following amounts:

801	If household income is	Percentage of gross rent allowed as a credit
802	\$0 -- [\$13,884] <u>\$14,490</u>	9.5%
803	[\$13,885 -- \$18,515] <u>\$14,491</u> -- \$19,324	8.5%
804	[\$18,516 -- \$23,141] <u>\$19,325</u> -- \$24,152	7.0%
805	[\$23,142 -- \$27,770] <u>\$24,153</u> -- \$28,983	5.5%
806	[\$27,771 -- \$32,401] <u>\$28,984</u> -- \$33,816	4.0%
807	[\$32,402 -- \$36,754] <u>\$33,817</u> -- \$38,360	3.0%
808	[\$36,755 -- \$40,840] <u>\$38,361</u> -- \$42,623	2.5%

809 (b) For [a] the calendar year beginning on [or after] January 1, [2025] 2026, the commission shall increase or decrease the household income eligibility amounts under Subsection (1)(a) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the [e] consumer price index] Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and the [e] consumer price index] Consumer Price Index for calendar year [2023] 2024.

814 (c) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2027, a credit under this section may not exceed the maximum amount allowed as a homeowner's credit for each income bracket under Section 59-2a-305.

817 (2)

(a) Subject to Subsections (3) and (4), for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, a claimant may claim a renter's credit for the previous calendar year that does not exceed the following amounts:

820	If household income is	Percentage of gross rent allowed as a credit	Maximum credit amount
821	\$0 -- \$14,500	9.5%	\$2,000
822	\$14,501 -- \$18,750	8.5%	\$1,750
823	\$18,751 -- \$23,000	7.0%	\$1,500
824	\$23,001 -- \$27,250	5.5%	\$1,250
825	\$27,251 -- \$31,500	4.0%	\$1,000
826	\$31,501 -- \$35,750	3.0%	\$750

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827	<u>\$35,751 -- \$40,000</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	<u>\$500</u>
828	<u>\$40,001 -- \$46,000</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>\$250</u>

829 (b) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2028:

830 (i) the commission shall increase or decrease the household income eligibility amounts and the maximum credit amounts under Subsection (2)(a) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2026; and

835 (ii) after the commission has adjusted the maximum credit amounts in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(i), the commission shall increase each maximum credit amount under Subsection (2)(a) by \$49.

838 [②] (3)

(a) A claimant may claim a renter's credit under this part only for gross rent that does not constitute a rental assistance payment.

840 (b) For purposes of determining whether a claimant receives a rental assistance payment and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules defining the terms:

843 (i) "governmental entity";

844 (ii) "charitable organization"; or

845 (iii) "religious organization."

846 [③] (4) For purposes of calculating gross rent when a claimant's rent includes electricity or natural gas and the utility amount is not itemized in the statement provided in accordance with Section 59-2a-204, the commission shall deduct from rent:

849 (a) 7% of rent if the rent includes electricity or natural gas but not both; or

850 (b) 13% of rent if the rent includes both electricity and natural gas.

851 [④] (5) An individual may not receive the renter's credit under this section if the individual is:

853 (a) claimed as a personal exemption on another individual's federal income tax return during any portion of a calendar year for which the individual seeks to claim the renter's credit under this section; or

856 (b) a dependent with respect to whom another individual claims a tax credit under Section 24(h)(4), Internal Revenue Code, during any portion of a calendar year for which the individual seeks to claim the renter's credit under this section.

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[~~(5)~~] (6) A payment for a renter's credit allowed by this section, and authorized by Section 59-2a-202, shall be paid from the General Fund.

861 [~~(6) A credit under this section may not exceed the maximum amount allowed as a homeowner's credit for each income bracket under Section 59-2a-305.~~]

1048 Section 10. Section **59-2a-303** is amended to read:

1049 **59-2a-303. Application for homeowner's credit -- Time for filing -- Obtaining payment from General Fund.**

866 (1)

(a) A claimant shall file annually an application for the credit with the county in which the residence for which the claimant is seeking a homeowner's credit is located before September 1.

869 (b) The application under this section shall:

870 (i) be on forms provided by the county that meet the requirements of Subsection 59-2a-103(3); and

872 (ii) include a household income statement signed by the claimant stating that:

873 (A) the income statement is correct; and

874 (B) the claimant qualifies for the credit.

875 (c)

(i) Subject to Subsection (1)(c)(ii), a county shall apply the credit in accordance with this section and Section 59-2a-304 for the year in which the claimant applies for a homeowner's credit if the claimant meets the criteria for obtaining a homeowner's credit as provided in this part.

879 (ii) A homeowner's credit under this part may not exceed the claimant's property tax liability for the residence for the year in which the claimant applies for a homeowner's credit under this part.

882 (d) A claimant may qualify for a homeowner's credit under this part regardless of whether the claimant owes delinquent property taxes.

884 (2)

(a)

(i) The county shall compile a list of claimants and the homeowner's credits granted to the claimants for purposes of obtaining payment from the General Fund for the amount of credits granted.

887 (ii) A county may not obtain payment from the General Fund for the amount described in Subsection [59-2a-101(21)] 59-2a-101(24).

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(b) Upon certification by the commission the payment for the credits under this Subsection (2) shall be made to the county on or before January 1 if the list of claimants and the credits granted are received by the commission on or before November 30 of the year in which the credits under this part are granted.

893 (c) If the commission does not receive the list under this Subsection (2) on or before November 30, payment shall be made within 30 days of receipt of the list of claimants and credits from the county.

1081 Section 11. Section **59-2a-305** is amended to read:

1082 **59-2a-305. Amount of homeowner's credit -- Limitations -- General Fund as source of credit.**

899 (1)

(a) Subject to [Subsektion] Subsections (2) and (3), for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, [2024] 2025, a claimant may claim a homeowner's credit that does not exceed the following amounts:

	If household income is	Homeowner's credit
902	\$0 -- [\$13,884] <u>\$14,490</u>	[\$1,259] <u>\$1,312</u>
903	[\$13,885 -- \$18,515] <u>\$14,491 -- \$19,324</u>	[\$1,105] <u>\$1,151</u>
904	[\$18,516 -- \$23,141] <u>\$19,325 -- \$24,152</u>	[\$954] <u>\$993</u>
905	[\$23,142 -- \$27,770] <u>\$24,153 -- \$28,983</u>	[\$726] <u>\$756</u>
906	[\$27,771 -- \$32,401] <u>\$28,984 -- \$33,816</u>	[\$577] <u>\$600</u>
907	[\$32,402 -- \$36,754] <u>\$33,817 -- \$38,360</u>	[\$354] <u>\$364</u>
908	[\$36,755 -- \$40,840] <u>\$38,361 -- \$42,623</u>	[\$197] <u>\$204</u>
909		

910 (b) For [a] the calendar year beginning on[or after] January 1, [2025,] 2026:

911 (i) the commission shall increase or decrease the household income eligibility and credit amounts[and the credits] under Subsection (1)(a) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the [e]consumer price index] Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and the [e]consumer price index] Consumer Price Index for calendar year [2023.] 2024; and

916 (ii) after the commission has adjusted the credit amounts in accordance with Subsection (1)(b)(i), the commission shall increase each credit amount under Subsection (1)(a) by \$49.

919 (c) The household income eligibility and credit amounts under Subsection (1)(a) that apply for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2026, as adjusted in accordance with Subsection (1)(b), shall apply for each calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

923 (2)

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(a) An individual may not receive the homeowner's credit under this section or the abatement described in Subsection [59-2a-101(21)] 59-2a-101(24) on 20% of the fair market value of the residence if:

(i) the individual is claimed as a personal exemption on another individual's federal income tax return during any portion of a calendar year for which the individual seeks to claim the homeowner's credit under this section;

(ii) the individual is a dependent with respect to whom another individual claims a tax credit under Section 24(h)(4), Internal Revenue Code, during any portion of a calendar year for which the individual seeks to claim the homeowner's credit under this section; or

(iii) the individual did not own the residence for the entire calendar year for which the individual claims the homeowner's credit.

(b) For a calendar year in which a residence is sold, the amount received as a homeowner's credit under this section or as an abatement described in Subsection [59-2a-101(21)] 59-2a-101(24) on 20% of the fair market value of the residence shall be repaid to the county on or before the day on which the sale of the residence closes.

(3) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an individual may not receive a homeowner's credit under this section if:

(a) the individual did not receive the homeowner's credit for the same residence at least once within the preceding two calendar years; or

(b) the individual receives any of the following forms of property tax relief for the same residence:

(i) a deferral under:

(A) Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners; or

(B) Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners; or

(ii) an abatement under Part 4, Abatement for Indigent Individuals.

[~~(3)~~] (4) A payment for a homeowner's credit allowed by this section, and authorized by Section 59-2a-302, shall be paid from the General Fund.

[~~(4)~~] After the commission has adjusted the homeowner credit amount under Subsection (1)(b), the commission shall increase each homeowner credit amount under Subsection (1) by \$49.]

Section 12. Section **59-2a-401** is amended to read:

59-2a-401. Tax abatement for indigent individuals -- Maximum amount.

[In accordance with this part] For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, a county may remit or abate the taxes of an indigent individual:

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- (1) if the indigent individual owned the property as of January 1 of the year for which the county remits or abates the taxes; [and]
- (2) if the indigent individual received an abatement under this part for the same property at least once within the previous two calendar years;
- (3) if the indigent individual is not receiving any of the following forms of property tax relief for the same property:
 - (a) the homeowner's credit under Part 3, Homeowner's Credit; or
 - (b) a deferral under:
 - (i) Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners; or
 - (ii) Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners; and

Section 13. Section **59-2a-402** is amended to read:

59-2a-402. Application -- Rulemaking.

(1)

- (a) Except as provided in Section 59-2a-108 or Subsection (2), an applicant for abatement for the current tax year shall annually file an application on or before September 1 with the county in which the applicant's property is located.
- (b) An indigent individual may for the same property apply and potentially qualify only for an abatement under this part, or both an abatement under this part and a deferral under [Part 7, Discretionary Deferral,] Part 8, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Property with Qualifying Increase[, or Part 9, Nondiscretionary Abatement for Elderly Property Owners, abatement, or both].

(2) A county shall extend the September 1 application deadline by one additional year if the county determines that:

- (a) the applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family had an illness or injury that prevented the applicant from filing the application on or before the September 1 application deadline;
- (b) a member of the applicant's immediate family died during the calendar year of the September 1 application deadline;

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- (c) the failure of the applicant to file the application on or before the September 1 application deadline was beyond the reasonable control of the applicant; or
- 993 (d) denial of an application would be unjust or unreasonable.
- 994 (3) An applicant shall include in an application a signed statement that describes the eligibility of the applicant for abatement.
- 996 (4) Both spouses shall sign an application if the application seeks an abatement on a residence:
 - 998 (a) in which both spouses reside; and
 - 999 (b) that the spouses own as joint tenants.
- 1000 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules to implement this section.

1187 Section 14. Section **59-2a-701** is repealed and reenacted to read:

59-2a-701. Discretionary deferral for eligible owners.

7. Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners

- 1005 (1) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an eligible owner may apply to the county for a discretionary deferral under this section for postponement of a portion of the property taxes due on the eligible owner's primary residence.
- 1008 (2) A county may grant an application for a deferral under this section if:
 - 1009 (a) the applicant meets the definition of an eligible owner;
 - 1010 (b) with respect to the primary residence for which the applicant applies for the deferral:
 - 1011 (i) the applicant discloses all outstanding mortgages on the residence;
 - 1012 (ii) the applicant is not receiving any of the following forms of property tax relief for the same residence:
 - 1014 (A) the homeowner's credit under Part 3, Homeowner's Credit;
 - 1015 (B) an abatement under Part 4, Abatement for Indigent Individuals; or
 - 1016 (C) a deferral under Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners; and
 - 1017 (iii) there are no delinquent property taxes, delinquent tax notice charges, or outstanding penalties, interest, or administrative costs related to a delinquent property tax or a delinquent tax notice charge due on the residence, other than:
 - 1020 (A) taxes and tax notice charges previously deferred under this section; and
 - 1021 (B) interest accrued on the taxes and tax notice charges described in Subsection (2)(b)(iii)(A); and
 - 1023 (C) the applicant complies with the other applicable provisions of this part.

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1024 (3) Of the total amount of taxes and tax notice charges levied on an eligible owner's primary residence
1025 for a calendar year in which the eligible owner receives a deferral under this section:

1027 (a) the adjusted property tax amount is 50% of the lesser of:

1028 (i) the base year property tax amount; and
1029 (ii) the current year property tax amount; and

1030 (b) the amount deferred is the amount of property taxes exceeding the adjusted property tax amount.

1032 (4)

1034 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the deferral period under this section is one year.
1035 (b) The county may extend the deferral period for one or more subsequent one-year periods if, for each
1036 subsequent calendar year in which the eligible owner seeks to extend the deferral period:

1037 (i) the eligible owner applies for an extension of the deferral; and
1038 (ii) the application meets the requirements of Subsection (2).

1039 (c) For purposes of Subsections 59-2-1331(2)(g)(ii) and 59-2-1343(1)(d), the deferral period ends on
1040 the last day of:

1041 (i) the initial one-year deferral period, if the county does not extend the deferral period under
1042 Subsection (4)(b); or
1043 (ii) the final one-year deferral period subsequently granted, if the county extends the deferral period
1044 under Subsection (4)(b).

1045 (5)

1046 (a) Taxes and tax notice charges deferred under this section accumulate with interest and applicable
1047 recording fees as a lien against the residential property.

1048 (b) A lien described in this Subsection (5):

1049 (i) has the same legal status as a lien described in Section 59-2-1325; and
1050 (ii) is subordinate to any mortgage on the property.

1051 (c) To release the lien described in this Subsection (5), except as provided in Subsections (5)(d) through
1052 (f), an eligible owner shall pay the total amount subject to the lien:

1053 (i) upon the eligible owner selling or otherwise disposing of the residential property; or
1054 (ii) when the residential property is no longer the eligible owner's primary residence.

1055 (d)

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- (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers to the eligible owner's surviving spouse as a result of the eligible owner's death.
- 1060 (ii) After the residential property transfers to the eligible owner's surviving spouse, the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due:
 - 1063 (A) upon the surviving spouse selling or otherwise disposing of the residential property; or
 - 1065 (B) when the residential property is no longer the surviving spouse's primary residence.
- 1067 (e)
 - (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a trust described in Section 59-2a-109 if:
 - 1071 (A) the eligible owner is the grantor of the trust; and
 - 1072 (B) the residential property remains the eligible owner's primary residence.
 - (ii) After the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a trust described in Subsection (5)(e)(i), the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due when the residential property is no longer the eligible owner's primary residence.
- 1077 (f)
 - (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a special needs trust as described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p(d)(4) if the beneficiary of the trust meets the definition of an eligible owner.
 - (ii) After the residential property transfers to a special needs trust described in Subsection (5)(f)(i), the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due:
 - 1085 (A) upon the sale or disposal of the residential property; or
 - 1086 (B) when the residential property is no longer the primary residence of the beneficiary of the trust described in Subsection (5)(f)(i).
- 1088 (g) When the deferral period ends:
 - 1089 (i) the lien becomes due and subject to the collection procedures described in Section 59-2-1331; and
 - 1091 (ii) the date of levy is the date that the deferral period ends.
- 1092 (6)

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(a) If a county grants an eligible owner more than one deferral under this section for the same residential property, including an extension of the deferral period under Subsection (4)(b), the county is not required to submit for recording more than one lien.

1096 (b) Each subsequent deferral relates back to the date of the initial lien filing.

1097 (7)

(a) For each residential property for which the county grants a deferral under this section, the county treasurer shall maintain a record that is an itemized account of the total amount of deferred property taxes and deferred tax notice charges subject to the lien.

1101 (b) The record described in this Subsection (7) is the official record of the amount of the lien.

1103 (8) Notwithstanding Subsection 59-2-1331(2)(c), taxes and tax notice charges deferred under this section bear interest at a rate of 2%.

1105 (9) A county may not require approval from lien holders for residential property that is subject to a mortgage or trust deed to receive a deferral under this section.

1107 (10) A county that grants a deferral to an eligible owner under this section shall:

1108 (a) provide notice of the adjusted property tax amount to the holder of each mortgage or trust deed outstanding on the residential property; and

1110 (b) refund to the eligible owner any amount of property taxes paid by the eligible owner during the deferral period in excess of the adjusted property tax amount.

1297 (11) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2028, the commission shall increase or decrease the household income eligibility amount specified in Subsection 59-2a-101(12)(a)(i)(C) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2026.

1302 Section 15. Section **59-2a-702** is amended to read:

1303 **59-2a-702. Application -- Rulemaking authority.**

1114 (1)

(a) Except as provided in Section 59-2a-108 or Subsection (2), an applicant for deferral for the current tax year shall annually file an application on or before September 1 with the county in which the applicant's property is located.

1117 (b) An indigent individual may for the same property apply and potentially qualify only for a deferral under this part, or both a deferral under this part and Part 8, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Property

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with Qualifying Increase[, or Part 9, Nondiscretionary Deferral for Elderly Property Owners, an abatement, or both].

- 1121 (2) A county shall extend the September 1 application deadline by one additional year if:
1122 (a) the applicant had been approved for a deferral under this part in the prior year; or
1123 (b) the county determines that:
 - 1124 (i) the applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family had an illness or injury that prevented the applicant from filing the application on or before the September 1 application deadline;
 - 1127 (ii) a member of the applicant's immediate family died during the calendar year of the September 1 application deadline;
 - 1129 (iii) the failure of the applicant to file the application on or before the September 1 application deadline was beyond the reasonable control of the applicant; or
 - 1131 (iv) denial of an application would be unjust or unreasonable.
- 1132 (3) An applicant shall include in an application a signed statement that describes the eligibility of the applicant for deferral.
- 1134 (4) Both spouses shall sign an application if the application seeks a deferral or abatement on a residence:
 - 1136 (a) in which both spouses reside; and
 - 1137 (b) that the spouses own as joint tenants.
- 1138 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules to implement this section.

1330 Section 16. Section **59-2a-901** is repealed and reenacted to read:

59-2a-901. Nondiscretionary deferral for eligible owners.

9. Nondiscretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners

- 1143 (1) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an eligible owner may apply to the county for a nondiscretionary deferral under this section for postponement of a portion of the property taxes due on the eligible owner's primary residence.
- 1146 (2) A county shall grant an application for a deferral under this section if:
 - 1147 (a) the applicant meets the definition of an eligible owner;
 - 1148 (b) with respect to the primary residence for which the applicant applies for the deferral;
 - 1149 (i) the eligible owner discloses all outstanding mortgages on the residence, none of which is a reverse mortgage;

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1151 (ii) the eligible owner is not receiving an abatement under Part 4, Abatement for Indigent Individuals, or a deferral under Part 7, Discretionary Deferral for Eligible Owners, for the same residence;

1154 (iii) the assessed value of the residence, as listed on the valuation notice sent in accordance with Section 59-2-919.1, is greater than the amount of any outstanding mortgage on the residence by 5% or more; and

1157 (iv) there are no delinquent property taxes, delinquent tax notice charges, or outstanding penalties, interest, or administrative costs related to a delinquent property tax or a delinquent tax notice charge due on the residence, other than:

1160 (A) taxes and tax notice charges previously deferred under this section; and

1161 (B) accrued interest on the taxes and tax notice charges described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv)(A); and

1163 (c) the applicant complies with the other applicable provisions of this part.

1164 (3) Of the total amount of taxes and tax notice charges levied on an eligible owner's primary residence for a calendar year in which the eligible owner receives a deferral under this section:

1167 (a) the adjusted property tax amount is {75} 100% of the lesser of:

1168 (i) the base year property tax amount; and

1169 (ii) the current year property tax amount; and

1170 (b) the amount deferred is the amount of property taxes exceeding the adjusted property tax amount.

1172 (4)

1174 (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the deferral period under this section is one year.

1177 (b) The county shall extend the deferral period for one or more subsequent one-year periods if, for each subsequent calendar year in which the eligible owner seeks to extend the deferral period:

1178 (i) the eligible owner applies for an extension of the deferral; and

1179 (ii) the application meets the requirements of Subsection (2).

1181 (c) For purposes of Subsections 59-2-1331(2)(g)(ii) and 59-2-1343(1)(d), the deferral period ends on the last day of:

1183 (i) the initial one-year deferral period, if the county does not extend the deferral period under Subsection (4)(b); or

1185 (ii) the final one-year deferral period subsequently granted, if the county extends the deferral period under Subsection (4)(b).

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- (a) Taxes and tax notice charges deferred under this section accumulate with interest and applicable recording fees as a lien against the residential property.
- (b) A lien described in this Subsection (5) has the same legal status as a lien described in Section 59-2-1325.
- (c) To release the lien described in this Subsection (5), except as provided in Subsections (5)(d) through (f), an eligible owner shall pay the total amount subject to the lien:
 - (i) upon the eligible owner selling or otherwise disposing of the residential property; or
 - (ii) when the residential property is no longer the eligible owner's primary residence.
- (d)
 - (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers to the eligible owner's surviving spouse as a result of the eligible owner's death.
 - (ii) After the residential property transfers to the eligible owner's surviving spouse, the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due:
 - (A) upon the surviving spouse selling or otherwise disposing of the residential property; or
 - (B) when the residential property is no longer the surviving spouse's primary residence.
- (e)
 - (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a trust described in Section 59-2a-109 if:
 - (A) the eligible owner is the grantor of the trust; and
 - (B) the residential property remains the eligible owner's primary residence.
 - (ii) After the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a trust described in Subsection (5)(e)(i), the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due when the residential property is no longer the eligible owner's primary residence.
- (f)
 - (i) An eligible owner that receives a deferral under this section does not have to pay the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, or applicable recording fees when the residential property transfers between the eligible owner and a special needs trust as described in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p(d)(4) if the beneficiary of the trust meets the definition of an eligible owner.

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(ii) After the residential property transfers to a special needs trust described in Subsection (5)(f)(i), the deferred taxes, deferred tax notice charges, and applicable recording fees are due:

(A) upon the sale or disposal of the residential property; or

(B) when the residential property is no longer the primary residence of the beneficiary of the trust described in Subsection (5)(f)(i).

(g) When the deferral period ends:

(i) the lien becomes due and subject to the collection procedures described in Section 59-2-1331; and

(ii) the date of levy is the date that the deferral period ends.

(6)

(a) If a county grants an eligible owner more than one deferral under this section for the same residential property, including an extension of the deferral period under Subsection (4)(b), the county is not required to submit for recording more than one lien.

(b) Each subsequent deferral relates back to the date of the initial lien filing.

(7)

(a) For each residential property for which the county grants a deferral under this section, the county treasurer shall maintain a record that is an itemized account of the total amount of deferred property taxes and deferred tax notice charges subject to the lien.

(b) The record described in this Subsection (7) is the official record of the amount of the lien.

(8) Notwithstanding Subsection 59-2-1331(2)(c), taxes and tax notice charges deferred under this section bear interest at a rate of 3%.

(9) A county may not require approval from lien holders for residential property that is subject to a mortgage or trust deed to receive a deferral under this section.

(10) A county that grants a deferral to an eligible owner under this section shall:

(a) provide notice of the adjusted property tax amount to the holder of each mortgage or trust deed outstanding on the residential property; and

(b) refund to the eligible owner any amount of property taxes paid by the eligible owner during the deferral period in excess of the adjusted property tax amount.

(11) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2028, the commission shall increase or decrease the household income eligibility amount specified in Subsection 59-2a-101(12)(b)(i)(D) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the Consumer Price Index for the preceding calendar year and the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2026.

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1446 Section 17. Section **59-2a-902** is amended to read:

1447 **59-2a-902. Application -- Rulemaking authority.**

1253 (1)

1256 (a) Except as provided in Section 59-2a-108 or Subsection (2), an applicant for deferral for the current
1257 tax year shall annually file an application on or before September 1 with the county in which the
1258 applicant's property is located.

1260 (b) An indigent individual may for the same property apply and potentially qualify only for a deferral
1261 under [Part 7, Discretionary Deferral, or] this part, or both a deferral under this part and Part 8,
1262 Nondiscretionary Deferral for Property with Qualifying Increase[, an abatement, or both].

1263 (2) A county shall extend the September 1 application deadline by one additional year if:

1264 (a) the applicant had been approved for a deferral under this part in the prior year; or

1265 (b) the county determines that:

1266 (i) the applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family had an illness or injury that prevented
1267 the applicant from filing the application on or before the September 1 application deadline;

1268 (ii) a member of the applicant's immediate family died during the calendar year of the September 1
1269 application deadline;

1270 (iii) the failure of the applicant to file the application on or before the September 1 application deadline
1271 was beyond the reasonable control of the applicant; or

1272 (iv) denial of an application would be unjust or unreasonable.

1273 (3)

1274 [(a)] An applicant shall include in an application a signed statement that describes the eligibility of the
1275 applicant for deferral.

1276 [(b) The requirements described in Subsection (3)(a) include:]

1277 [(i) proof that the applicant resides at the single-family residence for which the applicant seeks the
1278 deferral;]

1279 [(ii) proof of age; and]

1280 [(iii) proof of household income.]

1281 (4) Both spouses shall sign an application if the application seeks a deferral on a residence:

1282 (a) in which both spouses reside; and

1283 (b) that the spouses own as joint tenants.

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(5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission may make rules to implement this section.

1478 Section 18. Section **63J-1-602.2** is amended to read:

1479 **63J-1-602.2. List of nonlapsing appropriations to programs.**

1287 Appropriations made to the following programs are nonlapsing:

- (1) The Legislature and the Legislature's committees.
- (2) The State Board of Education, including all appropriations to agencies, line items, and programs under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education, in accordance with Section 53F-9-103.
- (3) The Rangeland Improvement Act created in Section 4-20-101.
- (4) The Percent-for-Art Program created in Section 9-6-404.
- (5) The LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund Program created in Title 4, Chapter 46, Part 3, LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund.
- (6) The Utah Lake Authority created in Section 11-65-201.
- (7) Dedicated credits accrued to the Utah Marriage Commission as provided under Subsection 17-66-303(2)(d)(ii).
- (8) The Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program created in Section 23A-6-205.
- (9) Sanctions collected as dedicated credits from Medicaid providers under Subsection 26B-3-108(7).
- (10) The primary care grant program created in Section 26B-4-310.
- (11) The Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program created in Section 26B-4-512.
- (12) The Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program created in Section 26B-4-702.
- (13) The Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program created in Section 26B-4-703.
- (14) The Utah Medical Education Council for the:
 - (a) administration of the Utah Medical Education Program created in Section 26B-4-707;
 - (b) provision of medical residency grants described in Section 26B-4-711; and
 - (c) provision of the forensic psychiatric fellowship grant described in Section 26B-4-712.
- (15) The Division of Services for People with Disabilities, as provided in Section 26B-6-402.
- (16) The Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program created in Section 26B-7-122.
- (17) Funds that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services retains in accordance with Subsection 32B-2-301(8)(a) or (b).

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- (18) The General Assistance program administered by the Department of Workforce Services, as provided in Section 35A-3-401.
- 1317 (19) The Utah National Guard, created in Title 39A, National Guard and Militia Act.
- 1318 (20) The Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program, as provided in Section 53-2a-1102.
- 1320 (21) The Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, as provided in Section 53-2d-207.
- 1321 (22) The Motorcycle Rider Education Program, as provided in Section 53-3-905.
- 1322 (23) The Utah Board of Higher Education for teacher preparation programs, as provided in Section 53H-5-402.
- 1324 (24) Innovation grants under Section 53G-10-608, except as provided in Subsection 53G-10-608(3).
- 1326 (25) The Division of Fleet Operations for the purpose of upgrading underground storage tanks under Section 63A-9-401.
- 1328 (26) The Division of Technology Services for technology innovation as provided under Section 63A-16-903.
- 1330 (27) The State Capitol Preservation Board created by Section 63O-2-201.
- 1331 (28) The Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided in Section 63G-3-402.
- 1332 (29) The Colorado River Authority of Utah, created in Title 63M, Chapter 14, Colorado River Authority of Utah Act.
- 1334 (30) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to fund the Enterprise Zone Act, as provided in Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act.
- 1336 (31) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's Rural Employment Expansion Program, as described in Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion Program.
- 1339 (32) County correctional facility contracting program for state inmates as described in Section 64-13e-103.
- 1341 (33) County correctional facility reimbursement program for state probationary inmates and state parole inmates as described in Section 64-13e-104.
- 1343 (34) Programs for the Jordan River Recreation Area as described in Section 65A-2-8.
- 1344 (35) The Division of Human Resource Management user training program, as provided in Section 63A-17-106.
- 1346 (36) A public safety answering point's emergency telecommunications service fund, as provided in Section 69-2-301.
- 1348 (37) The Traffic Noise Abatement Program created in Section 72-6-112.

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1349 (38) The money appropriated from the Navajo Water Rights Negotiation Account to the Division of
Water Rights, created in Section 73-2-1.1, for purposes of participating in a settlement of federal
reserved water right claims.

1352 (39) The Judicial Council for compensation for special prosecutors, as provided in Section 77-10a-19.

1354 (40) A state rehabilitative employment program, as provided in Section 78A-6-210.

1355 (41) The Utah Geological Survey, as provided in Section 79-3-401.

1356 (42) The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Program created under Section 79-5-503.

1357 (43) Adoption document access as provided in Sections 81-13-103, 81-13-504, and 81-13-505.

1359 (44) Indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4, Utah Indigent Defense Commission.

1361 (45) The program established by the Division of Facilities Construction and Management under Section
63A-5b-703 under which state agencies receive an appropriation and pay lease payments for the use
and occupancy of buildings owned by the Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

1365 [~~(46) The State Tax Commission for reimbursing counties for deferrals in accordance with Section
59-2-1802.5.~~]

1367 [~~(47)~~] (46) The Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program created in Section 4-2-902.

1563 Section 19. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.

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