HOUSE BILL No. 1242

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-1.1.

Synopsis: Deductions for contract and co-op property. Specifies that a person who uses cooperative housing corporation property as the person's principal residence must demonstrate a substantial equity interest in the shares of the cooperative housing corporation to qualify the property as a homestead. Consolidates duplicated provisions setting conditions for granting of deductions for property being sold under an installment contract into a single section. Provides that property subject to an installment contract does not qualify for a property tax deduction unless the installment contract is an enforceable contract. Requires that contracts for the sale of real property that are entered into after March 31, 2012, must specify the total contract price for the sale of the property.

Effective: Upon passage.

Pryor

January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Introduced

Second Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2012)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-1-5.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 5.6. "Eligible cooperative housing corporation" means:**

(1) for property taxes first due and payable before January 1, 2013, a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code); and

(2) for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2012, a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code) that:

(A) owns residential property; and

(B) is not a leasing or zero equity cooperative.

SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-1-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.5. (a) "Qualified installment contract" means, for property taxes first due and payable before January 1, 2013, a contract for the purchase of real**

property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home that:

(1) provides that one (1) or more individuals purchasing the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home are to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; and

(2) is recorded in the county recorder's office or referenced in a memorandum of the contract that is recorded in the county recorder's office.

(b) For property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2012, "qualified installment contract" means a contract that:

(1) is for the sale of real property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home; and

(2) meets the requirements specified under IC 6-1.1-12-39.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-1-14.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 14.7. "Qualified tenant-stockholder" means, for property taxes first due and payable before January 1, 2013, a tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) in a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code) and, for property taxes first due and payable after December 31, 2012, an individual who:**

(1) qualifies as a tenant-stockholder (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216) of an eligible cooperative housing corporation;

(2) uses property owned by the eligible cooperative housing corporation as the individual's principal place of residence; and

(3) can demonstrate an ownership interest in the shares of the cooperative housing corporation that has a value that is at least equal to the true tax value of the property that the individual uses as the individual's principal place of residence.

SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2010, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) Each year a person who is a resident of this state may receive a deduction from the assessed value of:

(1) mortgaged real property, an installment loan financed mobile home that is not assessed as real property, or an installment loan financed manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, with the mortgage or installment loan instrument recorded with the county recorder's office, that the person owns;

(2) real property, a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real

property that the person is buying under a **qualified installment** contract; ~~with the contract or a memorandum of the contract recorded in the county recorder's office, which provides that the person is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;~~ or

(3) real property, a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home that the person owns or is buying on a **qualified installment** contract ~~described in subdivision (2)~~ on which the person has a home equity line of credit that is recorded in the county recorder's office.

(b) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total amount of the deduction which the person may receive under this section for a particular year is:

(1) the balance of the mortgage or **qualified installment** contract indebtedness (including a home equity line of credit) on the assessment date of that year;

(2) one-half (1/2) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(3) three thousand dollars ($3,000);

whichever is least.

(c) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a **qualified installment** contract ~~which provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home~~ may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(d) The person must:

(1) own the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(2) be buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement is filed under section 2 of this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 6-1.1-12-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.81-2010, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, for a person to qualify for the deduction provided by section 1 of this chapter a statement must be filed under subsection (b) or (c). Regardless of the manner in which a statement is filed, the mortgage, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum (including a home equity line of credit) must be recorded with the county recorder's office to qualify for a deduction under section 1 of this chapter.

(b) Subject to subsection (c), to apply for the deduction under section 1 of this chapter with respect to real property, the person recording the mortgage, home equity line of credit, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract with the county recorder may file a written statement with the county recorder containing the information described in subsection (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (e)(4), (e)(6), (e)(7), and (e)(8). The statement must be prepared on the form prescribed by the department of local government finance and be signed by the property owner or **qualified installment** contract purchaser under the penalties of perjury. The form must have a place for the county recorder to insert the record number and page where the mortgage, home equity line of credit, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded. Upon receipt of the form and the recording of the mortgage, home equity line of credit, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract, the county recorder shall insert on the form the record number and page where the mortgage, home equity line of credit, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded and forward the completed form to the county auditor. The county recorder may not impose a charge for the county recorder's duties under this subsection. The statement must be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction and filed with the county recorder on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year.

(c) With respect to:

(1) real property as an alternative to a filing under subsection (b); or

(2) a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property;

to apply for a deduction under section 1 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction may file a statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property is located. With respect to real property, the statement must be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the person wishes to obtain the deduction and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. In addition to the statement required by this subsection, a **qualified installment** contract buyer who desires to claim the deduction must submit a copy of the recorded **qualified installment** contract or recorded memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract, which must contain a legal description sufficient to meet the requirements of IC 6-1.1-5, with the first statement that the buyer files under this section with respect to a particular parcel of real property.

(d) Upon receipt of:

(1) the statement under subsection (b); or

(2) the statement under subsection (c) and the recorded **qualified installment** contract or recorded memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract;

the county auditor shall assign a separate description and identification number to the parcel of real property being sold under the **qualified installment** contract.

(e) The statement referred to in subsections (b) and (c) must be verified under penalties for perjury. The statement must contain the following information:

(1) The balance of the person's mortgage, home equity line of credit, or **qualified installment** contract indebtedness that is recorded in the county recorder's office on the assessment date of the year for which the deduction is claimed.

(2) The assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

(3) The full name and complete residence address of the person and of the mortgagee or **qualified installment** contract seller.

(4) The name and residence of any assignee or bona fide owner or holder of the mortgage, home equity line of credit, or **qualified installment** contract, if known, and if not known, the person shall state that fact.

(5) The record number and page where the mortgage, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded.

(6) A brief description of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home which is encumbered by the mortgage or home equity line of credit or sold under the **qualified installment** contract.

(7) If the person is not the sole legal or equitable owner of the real

property, mobile home, or manufactured home, the exact share of the person's interest in it.

(8) The name of any other county in which the person has applied for a deduction under this section and the amount of deduction claimed in that application.

(f) The authority for signing a deduction application filed under this section may not be delegated by the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home owner or **qualified installment** contract buyer to any person except upon an executed power of attorney. The power of attorney may be contained in the recorded mortgage, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract, or in a separate instrument.

(g) A closing agent (as defined in section 43(a)(2) of this chapter) is not liable for any damages claimed by the property owner or **qualified installment** contract purchaser because of:

(1) the closing agent's failure to provide the written statement described in subsection (b);

(2) the closing agent's failure to file the written statement described in subsection (b);

(3) any omission or inaccuracy in the written statement described in subsection (b) that is filed with the county recorder by the closing agent; or

(4) any determination made with respect to a property owner's or **qualified installment** contract purchaser's eligibility for the deduction under section 1 of this chapter.

(h) The county recorder may not refuse to record a mortgage, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum because the written statement described in subsection (b):

(1) is not included with the mortgage, home equity line of credit, **qualified installment** contract, or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract;

(2) does not contain the signatures required by subsection (b);

(3) does not contain the information described in subsection (e); or

(4) is otherwise incomplete or inaccurate.

(i) The form prescribed by the department of local government finance under subsection (b) and the instructions for the form must both include a statement:

(1) that explains that a person is not entitled to a deduction under section 1 of this chapter unless the person has a balance on the person's mortgage or **qualified installment** contract indebtedness that is recorded in the county recorder's office (including any

home equity line of credit that is recorded in the county recorder's office) that is the basis for the deduction; and

(2) that specifies the penalties for perjury.

(j) The department of local government finance shall develop a notice:

(1) that must be displayed in a place accessible to the public in the office of each county auditor;

(2) that includes the information described in subsection (i); and

(3) that explains that the form prescribed by the department of local government finance to claim the deduction under section 1 of this chapter must be signed by the property owner or **qualified installment** contract purchaser under the penalties of perjury.

SECTION 6. IC 6-1.1-12-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) An individual may obtain a deduction from the assessed value of the individual's real property, or mobile home or manufactured home which is not assessed as real property, if:

(1) the individual is at least sixty-five (65) years of age on or before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year in which the deduction is claimed;

(2) the combined adjusted gross income (as defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code) of:

(A) the individual and the individual's spouse; or

(B) the individual and all other individuals with whom:

(i) the individual shares ownership; or

(ii) the individual is purchasing the property under a **qualified installment** contract;

as joint tenants or tenants in common;

for the calendar year preceding the year in which the deduction is claimed did not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000);

(3) the individual has:

(A) owned the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for at least one (1) year before claiming the deduction; or ~~the individual has~~

(B) been buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under a **qualified installment** contract ~~that provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home~~ for at least one (1) year before claiming the deduction; ~~and the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office;~~

(4) the individual and any individuals covered by subdivision

(2)(B) reside on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;

(5) the assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home does not exceed one hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred thirty dollars ($182,430);

(6) the individual receives no other property tax deduction for the year in which the deduction is claimed, except the deductions provided by sections 1, 37, (for assessment dates after February 28, 2008) 37.5, and 38 of this chapter; and

(7) the person:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement required by section 10.1 of this chapter is filed.

(b) Except as provided in subsection ~~(h),~~ **(g),** in the case of real property, an individual's deduction under this section equals the lesser of:

(1) one-half (1/2) of the assessed value of the real property; or

(2) twelve thousand four hundred eighty dollars ($12,480).

(c) Except as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ **(g)** and section 40.5 of this chapter, in the case of a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home which is not assessed as real property, an individual's deduction under this section equals the lesser of:

(1) one-half (1/2) of the assessed value of the mobile home or manufactured home; or

(2) twelve thousand four hundred eighty dollars ($12,480).

(d) An individual may not be denied the deduction provided under this section because the individual is absent from the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home while in a nursing home or hospital.

(e) For purposes of this section, if real property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home is owned by:

(1) tenants by the entirety;

(2) joint tenants; or

(3) tenants in common;

only one (1) deduction may be allowed. However, the age requirement is satisfied if any one (1) of the tenants is at least sixty-five (65) years of age.

(f) A surviving spouse is entitled to the deduction provided by this section if:

(1) the surviving spouse is at least sixty (60) years of age on or before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year in which the deduction is claimed;

(2) the surviving spouse's deceased husband or wife was at least sixty-five (65) years of age at the time of ~~a~~ death;

(3) the surviving spouse has not remarried; and

(4) the surviving spouse satisfies the requirements prescribed in subsection (a)(2) through (a)(7).

~~(g) An individual who has sold real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property.~~

~~(h)~~ **(g)** In the case of tenants covered by subsection (a)(2)(B), if all of the tenants are not at least sixty-five (65) years of age, the deduction allowed under this section shall be reduced by an amount equal to the deduction multiplied by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the number of tenants who are not at least sixty-five (65) years of age, and the denominator is the total number of tenants.

SECTION 7. IC 6-1.1-12-10.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10.1. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 9 of this chapter must file a sworn statement, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is located. With respect to real property, the statement must be filed during the year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.

(b) The statement referred to in subsection (a) shall be in affidavit form or require verification under penalties of perjury. The statement must be filed in duplicate if the applicant owns, or is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, real property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home subject to assessment in more than one (1) county or in more than one (1) taxing district in the same county. The statement shall contain:

(1) the source and exact amount of gross income received by the individual and the individual's spouse during the preceding calendar year;

(2) the description and assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;

(3) the individual's full name and complete residence address;

(4) the record number and page where the **qualified installment** contract or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on **a qualified installment** contract; and

(5) any additional information which the department of local government finance may require.

(c) In order to substantiate the deduction statement, the applicant shall submit for inspection by the county auditor a copy of the applicant's and a copy of the applicant's spouse's income tax returns for the preceding calendar year. If either was not required to file an income tax return, the applicant shall subscribe to that fact in the deduction statement.

SECTION 8. IC 6-1.1-12-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may have the sum of twelve thousand four hundred eighty dollars ($12,480) deducted from the assessed value of real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property that the individual owns, or that the individual is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, ~~that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home, if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office, and~~ if:

(1) the individual is blind or the individual has a disability;

(2) the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is principally used and occupied by the individual as the individual's residence;

(3) the individual's taxable gross income for the calendar year preceding the year in which the deduction is claimed did not exceed seventeen thousand dollars ($17,000); and

(4) the individual:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured

home under **a qualified installment** contract;
on the date the statement required by section 12 of this chapter is filed.

(b) For purposes of this section, taxable gross income does not include income which is not taxed under the federal income tax laws.

(c) For purposes of this section, "blind" has the same meaning as the definition contained in IC 12-7-2-21(1).

(d) For purposes of this section, "individual with a disability" means a person unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which:

(1) can be expected to result in death; or

(2) has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months.

(e) An individual with a disability filing a claim under this section shall submit proof of disability in such form and manner as the department shall by rule prescribe. Proof that a claimant is eligible to receive disability benefits under the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) shall constitute proof of disability for purposes of this section.

(f) An individual with a disability not covered under the federal Social Security Act shall be examined by a physician and the individual's status as an individual with a disability determined by using the same standards as used by the Social Security Administration. The costs of this examination shall be borne by the claimant.

(g) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a **qualified installment** contract ~~that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home~~ may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

SECTION 9. IC 6-1.1-12-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 11 of this chapter must file an application, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property is located. With respect to real property, the application must be filed during the year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the application must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The application may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.

(b) Proof of blindness may be supported by:

(1) the records of the division of family resources or the division of disability and rehabilitative services; or

(2) the written statement of a physician who is licensed by this state and skilled in the diseases of the eye or of a licensed optometrist.

~~(c) The application required by this section must contain the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.~~

SECTION 10. IC 6-1.1-12-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010, SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may have twenty-four thousand nine hundred sixty dollars ($24,960) deducted from the assessed value of the taxable tangible property that the individual owns, or real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property that the individual is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, ~~that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home, if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office and~~ if:

(1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the United States during any of its wars;

(2) the individual received an honorable discharge;

(3) the individual has a disability with a service connected disability of ten percent (10%) or more;

(4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:

(A) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a disability compensation check issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana department of veterans' affairs has determined that the individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a deduction under this section; and

(5) the individual:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement required by section 15 of this chapter is filed.

(b) The surviving spouse of an individual may receive the deduction provided by this section if the individual would qualify for the deduction if the individual were alive.

(c) One who receives the deduction provided by this section may not receive the deduction provided by section 16 of this chapter. However, the individual may receive any other property tax deduction which the individual is entitled to by law.

~~(d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.~~

SECTION 11. IC 6-1.1-12-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) and except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may have the sum of twelve thousand four hundred eighty dollars ($12,480) deducted from the assessed value of the tangible property that the individual owns (or the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the individual is buying under a **qualified installment** contract), ~~that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office)~~ if:

(1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the United States for at least ninety (90) days;

(2) the individual received an honorable discharge;

(3) the individual either:

(A) has a total disability; or

(B) is at least sixty-two (62) years old and has a disability of at least ten percent (10%);

(4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:

(A) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana department of veterans' affairs has determined that the individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a deduction under this section; and

(5) the individual:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement required by section 15 of this chapter is filed.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the surviving spouse of an individual may receive the deduction provided by this section if the individual would qualify for the deduction if the individual were alive.

(c) No one is entitled to the deduction provided by this section if the assessed value of the individual's tangible property, as shown by the tax duplicate, exceeds one hundred forty-three thousand one hundred sixty dollars ($143,160).

~~(d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.~~

SECTION 12. IC 6-1.1-12-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 13 or ~~section~~ 14 of this chapter must file a statement with the auditor of the county in which the individual resides. With respect to real property, the statement must be filed during the year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement shall contain a sworn declaration that the individual is entitled to the deduction.

(b) In addition to the statement, the individual shall submit to the county auditor for the auditor's inspection:

(1) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a disability compensation check issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 13 of this chapter;

(2) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 14 of this chapter; or

(3) the appropriate certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs if the individual claims the deduction provided by section 13 or 14 of this chapter.

(c) If the individual claiming the deduction is under guardianship, the guardian shall file the statement required by this section.

~~(d) If the individual claiming a deduction under section 13 or 14 of this chapter is buying real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property under a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes for the real estate, mobile home, or manufactured home, the statement required by this section must contain the record number and page where the contract or memorandum of the contract is recorded.~~

SECTION 13. IC 6-1.1-12-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 16. (a) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, a surviving spouse may have the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($18,720) deducted from the assessed value of his or her tangible property, or real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the surviving spouse is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, ~~that provides that the surviving spouse is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home, if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office, and~~ if:

(1) the deceased spouse served in the military or naval forces of the United States before November 12, 1918;

(2) the deceased spouse received an honorable discharge; and

(3) the surviving spouse:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured

home; or
(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;
on the date the statement required by section 17 of this chapter is filed.

(b) A surviving spouse who receives the deduction provided by this section may not receive the deduction provided by section 13 of this chapter. However, he or she may receive any other deduction which he or she is entitled to by law.

~~(c) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section against that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.~~

SECTION 14. IC 6-1.1-12-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a surviving spouse who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 16 of this chapter must file a statement with the auditor of the county in which the surviving spouse resides. With respect to real property, the statement must be filed during the year for which the surviving spouse wishes to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement shall contain:
(1) a sworn statement that the surviving spouse is entitled to the deduction; and
(2) the record number and page where the **qualified installment** contract or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded. ~~if the individual is buying the real property on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property.~~

In addition to the statement, the surviving spouse shall submit to the county auditor for the auditor's inspection a letter or certificate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing the service of the deceased spouse in the military or naval forces of the United

States before November 12, 1918.

SECTION 15. IC 6-1.1-12-17.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17.4. (a) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, a World War I veteran who is a resident of Indiana is entitled to have the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($18,720) deducted from the assessed valuation of the real property (including a mobile home that is assessed as real property), mobile home that is not assessed as real property, or manufactured home that is not assessed as real property the veteran owns or is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, ~~that requires the veteran to pay property taxes on the real property, if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office,~~ if:

(1) the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is the veteran's principal residence;

(2) the assessed valuation of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home does not exceed two hundred six thousand five hundred dollars ($206,500);

(3) the veteran owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for at least one (1) year before claiming the deduction; and

(4) the veteran:

(A) owns the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(B) is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement required by section 17.5 of this chapter is filed.

(b) An individual may not be denied the deduction provided by this section because the individual is absent from the individual's principal residence while in a nursing home or hospital.

(c) For purposes of this section, if real property, a mobile home, or a manufactured home is owned by a husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, only one (1) deduction may be allowed under this section. However, the deduction provided in this section applies if either spouse satisfies the requirements prescribed in subsection (a).

~~(d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or~~

~~manufactured home.~~

SECTION 16. IC 6-1.1-12-17.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17.5. (a) Except as provided in section 17.8 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a veteran who desires to claim the deduction provided in section 17.4 of this chapter must file a sworn statement, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home is assessed. With respect to real property, the veteran must file the statement during the year for which the veteran wishes to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property or a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property, the statement must be filed during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the individual wishes to obtain the deduction. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing.

(b) The statement required under this section shall be in affidavit form or require verification under penalties of perjury. The statement shall be filed in duplicate if the veteran has, or is buying under a **qualified installment** contract, real property in more than one (1) county or in more than one (1) taxing district in the same county. The statement shall contain:

(1) a description and the assessed value of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;

(2) the veteran's full name and complete residence address;

(3) the record number and page where the **qualified installment** contract or memorandum of the **qualified installment** contract is recorded; ~~if the individual is buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home on a contract that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home;~~ and

(4) any additional information which the department of local government finance may require.

SECTION 17. IC 6-1.1-12-17.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17.8. (a) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4, or 37 of this chapter in a particular year and who remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction in the following year. However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(b) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, or 17.4 of this chapter in a particular year and who becomes ineligible for the deduction in the following year shall notify the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home for which the individual claims the deduction is located of the individual's ineligibility in the year in which the individual becomes ineligible. An individual who becomes ineligible for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter shall notify the county auditor of the county in which the property is located in conformity with section 37 of this chapter.

(c) The auditor of each county shall, in a particular year, apply a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4, or 37 of this chapter to each individual who received the deduction in the preceding year unless the auditor determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the deduction.

(d) An individual who receives a deduction provided under section 1, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4, or 37 of this chapter for property that is jointly held with another owner in a particular year and remains eligible for the deduction in the following year is not required to file a statement to reapply for the deduction following the removal of the joint owner if:

(1) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of the individual's spouse;

(2) the individual is the sole owner of the property following the death of a joint owner who was not the individual's spouse; or

(3) the individual is awarded sole ownership of the property in a divorce decree.

However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, if the removal of the joint owner occurs before the date that a notice described in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) is sent, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records or the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(e) A trust entitled to a deduction under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4, or 37 of this chapter for real property owned by the trust and occupied by an individual in accordance with section 17.9 of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction, if:

(1) the individual who occupies the real property receives a deduction provided under section 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.4, or 37 of this chapter in a particular year; and

(2) the trust remains eligible for the deduction in the following year.

However, for purposes of a deduction under section 37 of this chapter, the individuals that qualify the trust for a deduction must comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013.

(f) ~~A~~ **An eligible** cooperative housing corporation ~~(as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216)~~ that is entitled to a deduction under section 37 of this chapter in the immediately preceding calendar year for a homestead (as defined in section 37 of this chapter) is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction for the current calendar year if the **eligible** cooperative housing corporation remains eligible for the deduction for the current calendar year. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(g) An individual who:

(1) was eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2007, or January 15, 2008, assessment date; or

(2) would have been eligible for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for property taxes imposed for the March 1, 2008, or January 15, 2009, assessment date if IC 6-1.1-20.9 had not been repealed;

is not required to file a statement to apply for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter if the individual remains eligible for the deduction in the current year. An individual who filed for a homestead credit under IC 6-1.1-20.9 (repealed) for an assessment date after March 1, 2007 (if the property is real property), or after January 1, 2008 (if the property is personal property), shall be treated as an individual who has filed for a deduction under section 37 of this chapter. However, the county auditor may, in the county auditor's discretion, terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates the deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

(h) If a county auditor terminates a deduction because the taxpayer claiming the deduction did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the taxpayer is eligible for the deduction and is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

(i) A taxpayer described in section ~~37(k)~~ **37(j)** of this chapter is not required to file a statement to apply for the deduction provided by section 37 of this chapter for a calendar year beginning after December 31, 2008, if the property owned by the taxpayer remains eligible for the deduction for that calendar year. However, the county auditor may terminate the deduction for assessment dates after January 15, 2012, if the individual residing on the property owned by the taxpayer does not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9), as determined by the county auditor, before January 1, 2013. Before the county auditor terminates a deduction because the individual residing on the property did not comply with the requirement in IC 6-1.1-22-8.1(b)(9) before January 1, 2013, the county auditor shall mail notice of the proposed termination of the deduction to:

(1) the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records; or

(2) the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book.

SECTION 18. IC 6-1.1-12-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 25, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 18. (a) If the assessed value of residential real property described in subsection (d) is increased because it has been rehabilitated, the owner may have deducted from the assessed value of the property an amount not to exceed the lesser of:

(1) the total increase in assessed value resulting from the rehabilitation; or

(2) eighteen thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($18,720) per rehabilitated dwelling unit.

The owner is entitled to this deduction annually for a five (5) year period.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "rehabilitation" means significant repairs, replacements, or improvements to an existing structure which are intended to increase the livability, utility, safety, or value of the property under rules adopted by the department of local government finance.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the term "owner" or "property owner" includes any person who has the legal obligation, or has otherwise assumed the obligation, to pay the real property taxes on the rehabilitated property.

(d) The deduction provided by this section applies only:

(1) for the rehabilitation of residential real property which is located within this state and which is described in one (1) of the following classifications:

(A) A single family dwelling if before rehabilitation the assessed value (excluding any exemptions or deductions) of the improvements does not exceed thirty-seven thousand four hundred forty dollars ($37,440).

(B) A two (2) family dwelling if before rehabilitation the assessed value (excluding exemptions or deductions) of the improvements does not exceed forty-nine thousand nine

hundred twenty dollars ($49,920).
(C) A dwelling with more than two (2) family units if before rehabilitation the assessed value (excluding any exemptions or deductions) of the improvements does not exceed eighteen thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($18,720) per dwelling unit; and
(2) if the property owner:
(A) owns the residential real property; or
(B) is buying the residential real property under **a qualified installment** contract;
on the assessment date of the year in which an application must be filed under section 20 of this chapter.

SECTION 19. IC 6-1.1-12-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 22. (a) If the assessed value of property is increased because it has been rehabilitated and the owner has paid at least ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for the rehabilitation, the owner is entitled to have deducted from the assessed value of the property an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value resulting from the rehabilitation. The owner is entitled to this deduction annually for a five (5) year period. However, the maximum deduction which a property owner may receive under this section for a particular year is:
(1) one hundred twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars ($124,800) for a single family dwelling unit; or
(2) three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) for any other type of property.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "property" means a building or structure which was erected at least fifty (50) years before the date of application for the deduction provided by this section. The term "property" does not include land.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "rehabilitation" means significant repairs, replacements, or improvements to an existing structure that are intended to increase the livability, utility, safety, or value of the property under rules adopted by the department of local government finance.

(d) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the property owner:
(1) owns the property; or
(2) is buying the property under **a qualified installment** contract;
on the assessment date of the year in which an application must be filed under section 24 of this chapter.

SECTION 20. IC 6-1.1-12-27.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010, SECTION 26, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 27.1. Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 26 of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment. With respect to real property, the person must file the statement during the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction. Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, with respect to a mobile home which is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction. The person must:

(1) own the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(2) be buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement is filed under this section. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

SECTION 21. IC 6-1.1-12-30, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 30. Except as provided in sections 36 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, a person who desires to claim the deduction provided by section 29 of this chapter must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment. With respect to real property, the person must file the statement during the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction. With respect to a mobile home which is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of each year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction. The person must:

(1) own the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home; or

(2) be buying the real property, mobile home, or manufactured

home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement is filed under this section. On verification of the statement by the assessor of the township in which the real property or mobile home is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

SECTION 22. IC 6-1.1-12-31, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 31. (a) For purposes of this section, "coal conversion system" means tangible property directly used to convert coal into a gaseous or liquid fuel or char. This definition includes coal liquification, gasification, pyrolysis, and a fluid bed combustion system designed for pollution control.

(b) For each calendar year which begins after December 31, 1979, and before January 1, 1988, the owner of a coal conversion system which is used to process coal is entitled to a deduction from the assessed value of the system. The amount of the deduction for a particular calendar year equals the product of:

(1) ninety-five percent (95%) of the assessed value of the system; multiplied by

(2) a fraction.

The numerator of the fraction is the amount of Indiana coal converted by the system during the immediately preceding calendar year and the denominator of the fraction is the total amount of coal converted by the system during the immediately preceding calendar year.

(c) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the property owner:

(1) owns the property; or

(2) is buying the property under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the assessment date for which the deduction applies.

SECTION 23. IC 6-1.1-12-33, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 33. (a) For purposes of this section "hydroelectric power device" means a device which is installed after December 31, 1981, and is designed to utilize the kinetic power of moving water to provide mechanical energy or to produce electricity.

(b) The owner of real property, or a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, that is equipped with a hydroelectric power device is annually entitled to a property tax deduction. The amount of the deduction equals the remainder of:

(1) the assessed value of the real property or mobile home with the hydroelectric power device; minus

(2) the assessed value of the real property or mobile home without the hydroelectric power device.

(c) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the property owner:

(1) owns the real property or mobile home; or

(2) is buying the real property or mobile home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement is filed under section 35.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 24. IC 6-1.1-12-34, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 33, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 34. (a) For purposes of this section, "geothermal energy heating or cooling device" means a device that is installed after December 31, 1981, and is designed to utilize the natural heat from the earth to provide hot water, produce electricity, or generate heating or cooling.

(b) The owner of real property, or a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, that is equipped with a geothermal energy heating or cooling device is annually entitled to a property tax deduction. The amount of the deduction equals the remainder of:

(1) the assessed value of the real property or mobile home with the geothermal heating or cooling device; minus

(2) the assessed value of the real property or mobile home without the geothermal heating or cooling device.

(c) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the property owner:

(1) owns the real property or mobile home; or

(2) is buying the real property or mobile home under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the date the statement is filed under section 35.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 25. IC 6-1.1-12-34.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 34.5. (a) As used in this section, "coal combustion product" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-1.1-44-1.

(b) As used in this section, "qualified building" means a building designed and constructed to systematically use qualified materials throughout the building.

(c) For purposes of this section, building materials are "qualified materials" if at least sixty percent (60%) of the materials' dry weight consists of coal combustion products.

(d) The owner of a qualified building, as determined by the center for coal technology research, is entitled to a property tax deduction for not more than three (3) years. The amount of the deduction equals the product of:

(1) the assessed value of the qualified building; multiplied by

(2) five percent (5%).

(e) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the building owner:

(1) owns the building; or

(2) is buying the building under **a qualified installment** contract;

on the assessment date for which the deduction applies.

SECTION 26. IC 6-1.1-12-37, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2011, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 37. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

(1) "Dwelling" means any of the following:

(A) Residential real property improvements that an individual uses as the individual's residence, including a house or garage.

(B) A mobile home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

(C) A manufactured home that is not assessed as real property that an individual uses as the individual's residence.

(2) "Homestead" means an individual's principal place of residence:

(A) that is located in Indiana;

(B) that:

(i) the individual owns;

(ii) the individual is buying under a **qualified installment** contract; ~~recorded in the county recorder's office, that provides that the individual is to pay the property taxes on the residence;~~

(iii) the individual is entitled to occupy as a **qualified** tenant-stockholder ~~(as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216)~~ of ~~a~~ **an eligible** cooperative housing corporation; ~~(as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216);~~ or

(iv) is a residence described in section 17.9 of this chapter that is owned by a trust if the individual is an individual described in section 17.9 of this chapter; and

(C) that consists of:

(i) a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling, **if the dwelling is not owned by an eligible cooperative housing corporation; and**

(ii) a dwelling and a proportionate share of the common areas used for residential purposes by qualified

tenant-stockholders described in clause (B)(iii), not to exceed, in the aggregate, one (1) acre, if the dwelling is owned by an eligible cooperative housing corporation.

Except as provided in subsection ~~(k), the term~~ **(j), "homestead"** does not include property owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity not described in this subdivision.

(b) Each year a homestead is eligible for a standard deduction from the assessed value of the homestead for an assessment date. The deduction provided by this section applies to property taxes first due and payable for an assessment date only if an individual has an interest in the homestead described in subsection (a)(2)(B) on:

(1) the assessment date; or

(2) any date in the same year after an assessment date that a statement is filed under subsection ~~(e)~~ **(d)** or section 44 of this chapter, if the property consists of real property.

Subject to subsection (c), the auditor of the county shall record and make the deduction for the individual or entity qualifying for the deduction.

(c) Except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, the total amount of the deduction that a person may receive under this section for a particular year is the lesser of:

(1) sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property; or

(2) forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000).

~~(d) A person who has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a contract that provides that the contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.~~

~~(e)~~ **(d)** Except as provided in sections 17.8 and 44 of this chapter and subject to section 45 of this chapter, an individual who desires to claim the deduction provided by this section must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the homestead is located. The statement must include:

(1) the parcel number or key number of the property and the name of the city, town, or township in which the property is located;

(2) the name of any other location in which the applicant or the

applicant's spouse owns, is buying, or has a beneficial interest in residential real property;

(3) the names of:

(A) the applicant and the applicant's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is an individual; or

(B) each individual who qualifies property as a homestead under subsection (a)(2)(B) and the individual's spouse (if any):

(i) as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number; or

(ii) that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents;

if the applicant is not an individual; and

(4) either:

(A) the last five (5) digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the last five (5) digits of the Social Security number of the applicant's spouse (if any); or

(B) if the applicant or the applicant's spouse (if any) do not have a Social Security number, any of the following for that individual:

(i) The last five (5) digits of the individual's driver's license number.

(ii) The last five (5) digits of the individual's state identification card number.

(iii) If the individual does not have a driver's license or a state identification card, the last five (5) digits of a control number that is on a document issued to the individual by the federal government and determined by the department of local government finance to be acceptable.

If a form or statement provided to the county auditor under this section, IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, or IC 6-1.1-22.5-12 includes the telephone number or part or all of the Social Security number of a party or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) of a party, the telephone number and the Social Security number or other number described in subdivision (4)(B) included are confidential. The statement may be filed in person or by mail. If the statement is mailed, the mailing must be postmarked on or before the last day for filing. The statement applies for that first year and any succeeding year for which the deduction is allowed. With respect to real property, the statement must be completed and dated in the calendar year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction and filed with the county auditor on or before January 5 of the immediately succeeding calendar year. With respect to a mobile home that is not assessed as real property, the person must file the statement during the twelve (12) months before March 31 of the year for which the person desires to obtain the deduction.

~~(f)~~ **(e)** If an individual who is receiving the deduction provided by this section or who otherwise qualifies property for a deduction under this section:

(1) changes the use of the individual's property so that part or all of the property no longer qualifies for the deduction under this section; or

(2) is no longer eligible for a deduction under this section on another parcel of property because:

(A) the individual would otherwise receive the benefit of more than one (1) deduction under this chapter; or

(B) the individual maintains the individual's principal place of residence with another individual who receives a deduction under this section;

the individual must file a certified statement with the auditor of the county, notifying the auditor of the change of use, not more than sixty (60) days after the date of that change. An individual who fails to file the statement required by this subsection is liable for any additional taxes that would have been due on the property if the individual had filed the statement as required by this subsection plus a civil penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the additional taxes due. The civil penalty imposed under this subsection is in addition to any interest and penalties for a delinquent payment that might otherwise be due. One percent (1%) of the total civil penalty collected under this subsection shall be transferred by the county to the department of local government finance for use by the department in establishing and maintaining the homestead property data base under subsection ~~(i)~~ **(h)** and, to the extent there is money remaining, for any other purposes of the department. This amount becomes part of the property tax liability for purposes of this article.

~~(g)~~ **(f)** The department of local government finance shall adopt rules or guidelines concerning the application for a deduction under this section.

~~(h)~~ **(g)** This subsection does not apply to property in the first year for which a deduction is claimed under this section if the sole reason that a deduction is claimed on other property is that the individual or married couple maintained a principal residence at the other property on March 1 in the same year in which an application for a deduction is filed under this section or, if the application is for a homestead that is assessed as personal property, on March 1 in the immediately preceding year and the individual or married couple is moving the individual's or married couple's principal residence to the property that is the subject of the application. Except as provided in subsection ~~(n),~~ **(m),** the county auditor may not grant an individual or a married couple a deduction under this section if:

(1) the individual or married couple, for the same year, claims the deduction on two (2) or more different applications for the deduction; and

(2) the applications claim the deduction for different property.

~~(i)~~ **(h)** The department of local government finance shall provide secure access to county auditors to a homestead property data base that includes access to the homestead owner's name and the numbers required from the homestead owner under subsection ~~(e)(4)~~ **(d)(4)** for the sole purpose of verifying whether an owner is wrongly claiming a deduction under this chapter or a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-1.1-20.6, or IC 6-3.5.

~~(j)~~ **(i)** The department of local government finance shall work with county auditors to develop procedures to determine whether a property owner that is claiming a standard deduction or homestead credit is not eligible for the standard deduction or homestead credit because the property owner's principal place of residence is outside Indiana.

~~(k)~~ **(j)** As used in this section, "homestead" includes property that satisfies each of the following requirements:

(1) The property is located in Indiana and consists of a dwelling and the real estate, not exceeding one (1) acre, that immediately surrounds that dwelling.

(2) The property is the principal place of residence of an individual.

(3) The property is owned by an entity that is not described in subsection (a)(2)(B).

(4) The individual residing on the property is a shareholder, partner, or member of the entity that owns the property.

(5) The property was eligible for the standard deduction under this section on March 1, 2009.

~~(l)~~ **(k)** If a county auditor terminates a deduction for property described in subsection ~~(k)~~ **(j)** with respect to property taxes that are:

(1) imposed for an assessment date in 2009; and

(2) first due and payable in 2010;

on the grounds that the property is not owned by an entity described in subsection (a)(2)(B), the county auditor shall reinstate the deduction if the taxpayer provides proof that the property is eligible for the deduction in accordance with subsection ~~(k)~~ **(j)** and that the individual residing on the property is not claiming the deduction for any other property.

~~(m)~~ **(l)** For ~~assessments~~ **assessment** dates after 2009, the term "homestead" includes:

(1) a deck or patio;

(2) a gazebo; or

(3) another residential yard structure, as defined in rules adopted by the department of local government finance (other than a swimming pool);

that is assessed as real property and attached to the dwelling.

~~(n)~~ **(m)** A county auditor shall grant an individual a deduction under this section regardless of whether the individual and the individual's spouse claim a deduction on two (2) different applications and each application claims a deduction for different property if the property owned by the individual's spouse is located outside Indiana and the individual files an affidavit with the county auditor containing the following information:

(1) The names of the county and state in which the individual's spouse claims a deduction substantially similar to the deduction allowed by this section.

(2) A statement made under penalty of perjury that the following are true:

(A) That the individual and the individual's spouse maintain separate principal places of residence.

(B) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has an ownership interest in the other's principal place of residence.

(C) That neither the individual nor the individual's spouse has, for that same year, claimed a standard or substantially similar deduction for any property other than the property maintained as a principal place of residence by the respective individuals.

A county auditor may require an individual or an individual's spouse to provide evidence of the accuracy of the information contained in an affidavit submitted under this subsection. The evidence required of the individual or the individual's spouse may include state income tax returns, excise tax payment information, property tax payment information, driver license information, and voter registration information.

~~(o)~~ **(n)** If:

(1) a property owner files a statement under subsection ~~(e)~~ **(d)** to claim the deduction provided by this section for a particular property; and

(2) the county auditor receiving the filed statement determines that the property owner's property is not eligible for the deduction;

the county auditor shall inform the property owner of the county auditor's determination in writing.

SECTION 27. IC 6-1.1-12-38, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009, SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 38. (a) A person is entitled to a deduction from the assessed value of the person's property in an amount equal to the difference between:

(1) the assessed value of the person's property, including the assessed value of the improvements made to comply with the fertilizer storage rules adopted by the state chemist under IC 15-16-2-44 and the pesticide storage rules adopted by the state chemist under IC 15-16-4-52; minus

(2) the assessed value of the person's property, excluding the assessed value of the improvements made to comply with the fertilizer storage rules adopted by the state chemist under IC 15-16-2-44 and the pesticide storage rules adopted by the state chemist under IC 15-16-4-52.

(b) To obtain the deduction under this section, a person must file a certified statement in duplicate, on forms prescribed by the department of local government finance, with the auditor of the county in which the property is subject to assessment. In addition to the certified statement, the person must file a certification by the state chemist listing the improvements that were made to comply with the fertilizer storage rules adopted under IC 15-16-2-44 and the pesticide storage rules adopted by the state chemist under IC 15-16-4-52. Subject to section 45 of this chapter, the statement and certification must be filed during the year preceding the year the deduction will first be applied. Upon the verification of the statement and certification by the assessor of the township in which the property is subject to assessment, or the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township, the county auditor shall allow the deduction.

(c) The deduction provided by this section applies only if the person:

(1) owns the property; or
(2) is buying the property under **a qualified installment** contract;
on the assessment date for which the deduction applies.

SECTION 28. IC 6-1.1-12-39 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 39. **(a) To be a qualified installment contract, an agreement must meet the following criteria:**

(1) The agreement must be an enforceable contract that obligates the owner of:
(A) real property;
(B) a mobile home that is not assessed as real property; or
(C) a manufactured home that is not assessed as real property;
to transfer legal title to and ownership of the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home to a buyer or buyers named in the agreement upon the buyer's payment of the total contract price in one (1) or more installments and in fulfillment of any other conditions or terms that are part of the agreement.
(2) Except as provided in subsection (b), the agreement must provide that the buyer is to pay property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured home that is the subject of the agreement.
(3) The agreement or a memorandum of the agreement must be recorded in the county recorder's office for the county where the property is located.
(4) A contract for the sale of real property that is entered into after March 31, 2012, must specify the total contract price.

~~(a)~~ **(b)** A person who is:
(1) purchasing property under a **contract that otherwise qualifies as a qualified installment** contract **except** that **the contract** does not require the buyer to pay property taxes on the property; and
(2) required to pay property taxes under IC 6-1.1-10-41;
is eligible for a deduction granted by this chapter to the same extent as a person who is buying property under a **qualified installment** contract that provides the contract buyer is to pay property taxes on the property.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** To obtain ~~the~~ **a** deduction **under subsection (b),** with the application the applicant must provide:
(1) the same information concerning the **qualified installment** contract that is required for **qualified installment** contracts that

require the buyer to pay property taxes; and

(2) information that indicates that IC 6-1.1-10-41 applies to the property.

(d) An applicant that applies for a deduction under this chapter after March 31, 2012, for property that is being sold under a qualified installment contract does not qualify for a deduction under this article unless the applicant includes in the applicant's application the record number and page where the qualified installment contract or memorandum of the qualified installment contract is recorded.

(e) A person that has sold real property, a mobile home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real property to another person under a qualified installment contract may not claim the deduction provided under this section with respect to that real property, mobile home, or manufactured home.

SECTION 29. IC 6-1.1-12-45, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2008, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 45. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), a deduction under this chapter applies for an assessment date and for the property taxes due and payable based on the assessment for that assessment date, regardless of whether, with respect to the real property or mobile home or manufactured home not assessed as real property:

(1) the title is conveyed one (1) or more times; or

(2) one (1) or more **qualified installment** contracts to purchase are entered into;

after that assessment date and on or before the next succeeding assessment date.

(b) Subsection (a) applies:

(1) only if the title holder or the **qualified installment** contract buyer on that next succeeding assessment date is eligible for the deduction for that next succeeding assessment date; and

(2) regardless of whether:

(A) one (1) or more grantees of title under subsection (a)(1); or

(B) one (1) or more **qualified installment** contract purchasers under subsection (a)(2);

files a statement under this chapter to claim the deduction.

(c) A deduction applies under subsection (a) for only one (1) year. The requirements of this chapter for filing a statement to apply for a deduction under this chapter apply to subsequent years.

(d) If:

(1) a statement is filed under this chapter in a calendar year to claim a deduction under this chapter with respect to real property; and

(2) the eligibility criteria for the deduction are met;

the deduction applies for the assessment date in that calendar year and for the property taxes due and payable based on the assessment for that assessment date.

(e) If:

(1) a statement is filed under this chapter in a twelve (12) month filing period designated under this chapter to claim a deduction under this chapter with respect to a mobile home or a manufactured home not assessed as real property; and

(2) the eligibility criteria for the deduction are met;

the deduction applies for the assessment date in that twelve (12) month period and for the property taxes due and payable based on the assessment for that assessment date.

SECTION 30. IC 6-1.1-20.6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 151, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. ~~(a)~~ As used in this chapter, "homestead" refers to a homestead that is eligible for a standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37.

~~(b) The term includes a house or apartment that is owned or leased by a cooperative housing corporation (as defined in 26 U.S.C. 216(b)).~~

SECTION 31. IC 6-1.1-22-8.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2010, SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8.1. (a) The county treasurer shall:

(1) except as provided in subsection (h), mail to the last known address of each person liable for any property taxes or special assessment, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records, or to the last known address of the most recent owner shown in the transfer book; and

(2) transmit by written, electronic, or other means to a mortgagee maintaining an escrow account for a person who is liable for any property taxes or special assessments, as shown on the tax duplicate or special assessment records;

a statement in the form required under subsection (b). However, for property taxes first due and payable in 2008, the county treasurer may choose to use a tax statement that is different from the tax statement prescribed by the department under subsection (b). If a county chooses to use a different tax statement, the county must still transmit (with the tax bill) the statement in either color type or black-and-white type.

(b) The department of local government finance shall prescribe a form, subject to the approval of the state board of accounts, for the statement under subsection (a) that includes at least the following:

(1) A statement of the taxpayer's current and delinquent taxes and special assessments.

(2) A breakdown showing the total property tax and special assessment liability and the amount of the taxpayer's liability that will be distributed to each taxing unit in the county.

(3) An itemized listing for each property tax levy, including:

(A) the amount of the tax rate;

(B) the entity levying the tax owed; and

(C) the dollar amount of the tax owed.

(4) Information designed to show the manner in which the taxes and special assessments billed in the tax statement are to be used.

(5) A comparison showing any change in the assessed valuation for the property as compared to the previous year.

(6) A comparison showing any change in the property tax and special assessment liability for the property as compared to the previous year. The information required under this subdivision must identify:

(A) the amount of the taxpayer's liability distributable to each taxing unit in which the property is located in the current year and in the previous year; and

(B) the percentage change, if any, in the amount of the taxpayer's liability distributable to each taxing unit in which the property is located from the previous year to the current year.

(7) An explanation of the following:

(A) Homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.5-6-13, or another law that are available in the taxing district where the property is located.

(B) All property tax deductions that are available in the taxing district where the property is located.

(C) The procedure and deadline for filing for any available homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.5-6-13, or another law and each deduction.

(D) The procedure that a taxpayer must follow to:

(i) appeal a current assessment; or

(ii) petition for the correction of an error related to the taxpayer's property tax and special assessment liability.

(E) The forms that must be filed for an appeal or a petition described in clause (D).

(F) The procedure and deadline that a taxpayer must follow and the forms that must be used if a credit or deduction has been granted for the property and the taxpayer is no longer eligible for the credit or deduction.

(G) Notice that an appeal described in clause (D) requires evidence relevant to the true tax value of the taxpayer's property as of the assessment date that is the basis for the taxes payable on that property.

The department of local government finance shall provide the explanation required by this subdivision to each county treasurer.

(8) A checklist that shows:

(A) homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4, IC 6-3.5-6-13, or another law and all property tax deductions; and

(B) whether each homestead credit and property tax deduction applies in the current statement for the property transmitted under subsection (a).

(9) This subdivision applies to any property for which a deduction or credit is listed under subdivision (8) if the notice required under this subdivision was not provided to a taxpayer on a reconciling statement under IC 6-1.1-22.5-12. The statement must include in 2010, 2011, and 2012 a notice that must be returned by the taxpayer to the county auditor with the taxpayer's verification of the items required by this subdivision. The notice must explain the tax consequences and applicable penalties if a taxpayer unlawfully claims a standard deduction under IC 6-1.1-12-37 on:

(A) more than one (1) parcel of property; or

(B) property that is not the taxpayer's principal place of residence or is otherwise not eligible for the standard deduction.

The notice must include a place for the taxpayer to indicate, under penalties of perjury, for each deduction and credit listed under subdivision (8), whether the property is eligible for the deduction or credit listed under subdivision (8). The notice must also include a place for each individual who qualifies the property for a deduction or credit listed in subdivision (8) to indicate the name of the individual and the name of the individual's spouse (if any), as the names appear in the records of the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes of the issuance of a Social Security card and Social Security number (or that they use as their legal names when they sign their names on legal documents), and either the last five (5) digits of each individual's Social Security number or, if an individual does not have a Social Security number, the numbers required from the individual under

~~IC 6-1.1-12-37(c)(4)(B).~~ **IC 6-1.1-12-37(d)(4)(B).** The notice must explain that the taxpayer must complete and return the notice with the required information and that failure to complete and return the notice may result in disqualification of property for deductions and credits listed in subdivision (8), must explain how to return the notice, and must be on a separate form printed on paper that is a different color than the tax statement. The notice must be prepared in the form prescribed by the department of local government finance and include any additional information required by the department of local government finance. This subdivision expires January 1, 2015.

(c) The county treasurer may mail or transmit the statement one (1) time each year at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which the first or only installment is due. Whenever a person's tax liability for a year is due in one (1) installment under IC 6-1.1-7-7 or section 9 of this chapter, a statement that is mailed must include the date on which the installment is due and denote the amount of money to be paid for the installment. Whenever a person's tax liability is due in two (2) installments, a statement that is mailed must contain the dates on which the first and second installments are due and denote the amount of money to be paid for each installment. If a statement is returned to the county treasurer as undeliverable and the forwarding order is expired, the county treasurer shall notify the county auditor of this fact. Upon receipt of the county treasurer's notice, the county auditor may, at the county auditor's discretion, treat the property as not being eligible for any deductions under IC 6-1.1-12 or any homestead credits under IC 6-1.1-20.4 and IC 6-3.5-6-13.

(d) All payments of property taxes and special assessments shall be made to the county treasurer. The county treasurer, when authorized by the board of county commissioners, may open temporary offices for the collection of taxes in cities and towns in the county other than the county seat.

(e) The county treasurer, county auditor, and county assessor shall cooperate to generate the information to be included in the statement under subsection (b).

(f) The information to be included in the statement under subsection (b) must be simply and clearly presented and understandable to the average individual.

(g) After December 31, 2007, a reference in a law or rule to IC 6-1.1-22-8 (expired January 1, 2008, and repealed) shall be treated as a reference to this section.

(h) Transmission of statements and other information under this subsection applies in a county only if the county legislative body adopts an authorizing ordinance. Subject to subsection (i), in a county in which an ordinance is adopted under this subsection for property taxes and special assessments first due and payable after 2009, a person may direct the county treasurer and county auditor to transmit the following to the person by electronic mail:

(1) A statement that would otherwise be sent by the county treasurer to the person by regular mail under subsection (a)(1), including a statement that reflects installment payment due dates under section 9.5 or 9.7 of this chapter.

(2) A provisional tax statement that would otherwise be sent by the county treasurer to the person by regular mail under IC 6-1.1-22.5-6.

(3) A reconciling tax statement that would otherwise be sent by the county treasurer to the person by regular mail under any of the following:

(A) Section 9 of this chapter.

(B) Section 9.7 of this chapter.

(C) IC 6-1.1-22.5-12, including a statement that reflects installment payment due dates under IC 6-1.1-22.5-18.5.

(4) A statement that would otherwise be sent by the county auditor to the person by regular mail under IC 6-1.1-17-3(b).

(5) Any other information that:

(A) concerns the property taxes or special assessments; and

(B) would otherwise be sent:

(i) by the county treasurer or the county auditor to the person by regular mail; and

(ii) before the last date the property taxes or special assessments may be paid without becoming delinquent.

(i) For property with respect to which more than one (1) person is liable for property taxes and special assessments, subsection (h) applies only if all the persons liable for property taxes and special assessments designate the electronic mail address for only one (1) individual authorized to receive the statements and other information referred to in subsection (h).

(j) Before 2010, the department of local government finance shall create a form to be used to implement subsection (h). The county treasurer and county auditor shall:

(1) make the form created under this subsection available to the public;

(2) transmit a statement or other information by electronic mail under subsection (h) to a person who, at least thirty (30) days

before the anticipated general mailing date of the statement or other information, files the form created under this subsection:

(A) with the county treasurer; or

(B) with the county auditor; and

(3) publicize the availability of the electronic mail option under this subsection through appropriate media in a manner reasonably designed to reach members of the public.

(k) The form referred to in subsection (j) must:

(1) explain that a form filed as described in subsection (j)(2) remains in effect until the person files a replacement form to:

(A) change the person's electronic mail address; or

(B) terminate the electronic mail option under subsection (h); and

(2) allow a person to do at least the following with respect to the electronic mail option under subsection (h):

(A) Exercise the option.

(B) Change the person's electronic mail address.

(C) Terminate the option.

(D) For a person other than an individual, designate the electronic mail address for only one (1) individual authorized to receive the statements and other information referred to in subsection (h).

(E) For property with respect to which more than one (1) person is liable for property taxes and special assessments, designate the electronic mail address for only one (1) individual authorized to receive the statements and other information referred to in subsection (h).

(l) The form created under subsection (j) is considered filed with the county treasurer or the county auditor on the postmark date. If the postmark is missing or illegible, the postmark is considered to be one (1) day before the date of receipt of the form by the county treasurer or the county auditor.

(m) The county treasurer shall maintain a record that shows at least the following:

(1) Each person to whom a statement or other information is transmitted by electronic mail under this section.

(2) The information included in the statement.

(3) Whether the person received the statement.

SECTION 32. **An emergency is declared for this act.**