

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2477
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 11-495, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-495. Taxpayers' information fund

5 A. A taxpayers' information fund is established in each county
6 treasury consisting of monies collected from the public records copy
7 surcharge imposed pursuant to section 11-496, the tax lien processing fee
8 imposed pursuant to section 42-18116, subsection C, ~~fifteen dollars~~ \$15 of
9 each judgment deed fee collected pursuant to section 42-18205, subsection
10 A, ~~interest earned from the elderly assistance fund pursuant to section~~
11 ~~42-17401~~, the community facilities district special assessment fee imposed
12 pursuant to section 48-721 and the fees authorized for collecting municipal
13 fire and emergency services fees in certain areas of the county as
14 prescribed in section 9-500.23.

15 B. The county treasurer shall administer the fund and spend monies
16 in the fund only to defray the cost of converting or upgrading an automated
17 public information system as follows:

- 18 1. Purchasing computer hardware and software.
- 19 2. Training employees to operate the system.
- 20 3. Maintaining the system, including purchasing equipment
21 maintenance agreements.
- 22 4. Updating the system hardware and software.

1 5. In counties with a population of more than two million persons,
2 notifying property owners of the tax and ownership status of a taxpayer's
3 parcel prior to the taxpayer's parcel being sold at a deed sale and the tax
4 and ownership status of any parcels being sold at a deed sale that are
5 adjacent to a taxpayer's parcel, prior to the deed sale.

6 C. The county treasurer shall annually submit to the board of
7 supervisors the amount of anticipated revenues under this section. If the
8 projected revenues are considered to be insufficient to establish and
9 maintain the fund at an adequate level, the monies may accumulate until
10 sufficient monies are available in the fund.

11 Sec. 2. Repeal

12 Title 42, chapter 17, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 Sec. 3. Title 46, chapter 1, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding section 46-185, to read:

16 46-185. Elderly assistance fund; property tax reduction;
17 appropriation; distribution; annual report;
18 definitions

19 A. THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF
20 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE PROPERTY TAXES
21 ON A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
22 ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.

23 B. BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
24 THEREAFTER, THE SUM OF \$7,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL
25 FUND TO THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND.

26 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROPORTIONATELY DISTRIBUTE THE MONIES IN THE
27 ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND TO EACH AREA AGENCY ON AGING ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
28 TO THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 (P.L. 89-73; 79 STAT. 218; 42 UNITED
29 STATES CODE SECTIONS 3001 THROUGH 3058ff) THAT CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE IN
30 THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND TO REDUCE UP TO SIXTY PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY
31 TAXES ON A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL'S OR EMERGENCY APPROVED INDIVIDUAL'S
32 PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN THAT AREA AGENCY ON AGING'S SERVICE AREA.

1 D. AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR THE
2 PROPERTY VALUATION PROTECTION OPTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 18,
3 SUBSECTION (7), CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL APPLY TO THE
4 PARTICIPATING AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL LIVES TO RECEIVE
5 ASSISTANCE FROM THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND. THE PARTICIPATING AREA AGENCY
6 ON AGING SHALL:

7 1. APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE
8 FUND BASED ON THE GREATEST SOCIAL NEED AND GREATEST ECONOMIC NEED.

9 2. NOTIFY A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL THAT THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WILL
10 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF
11 THE ASSISTANCE AND THAT THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING
12 ANY REMAINING PROPERTY TAX AMOUNT DUE.

13 3. PAY THE MONIES TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY TREASURER ON BEHALF OF
14 THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.

15 4. DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY APPROVAL PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT
16 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO APPLY TO AND
17 RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY
18 RECEIVE EMERGENCY APPROVAL PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH FOR A TOTAL OF THREE
19 TAX YEARS OF WHICH ONLY TWO MAY BE CONSECUTIVE.

20 E. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONIES IN THE
21 FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING THE FUND.

22 F. AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING THAT RECEIVES MONIES PURSUANT TO
23 SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION MAY USE A PORTION OF THOSE MONIES FOR
24 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN PROVIDING SERVICES RELATING TO THE ELDERLY
25 ASSISTANCE FUND AS FOLLOWS:

26 1. FOR THE FIRST YEAR, UP TO TEN PERCENT.

27 2. FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, UP TO FIVE PERCENT.

28 G. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH PARTICIPATING AREA
29 AGENCY ON AGING SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED
30 INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
31 PROVIDED, THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
32 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE.

1 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE THIS
2 INFORMATION AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
3 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A
4 COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

5 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

6 1. "GREATEST ECONOMIC NEED" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN THE
7 OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 (P.L. 89-73; 79 STAT. 218; 42 UNITED STATES
8 CODE SECTION 3002).

9 2. "GREATEST SOCIAL NEED" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN THE
10 OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 (P.L. 89-73; 79 STAT. 218; 42 UNITED STATES
11 CODE SECTION 3002).

12 3. "PRIMARY RESIDENCE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE
13 IX, SECTION 18, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA.

14 4. "QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS APPROVED FOR
15 THE PROPERTY VALUATION PROTECTION OPTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION
16 18, SUBSECTION (7), CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, AND WHO IS DETERMINED TO HAVE
17 THE GREATEST SOCIAL NEED AND GREATEST ECONOMIC NEED BY THE AREA AGENCY ON
18 AGING IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL LIVES."

19 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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