
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 21 by Senator Murray

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, change "extend certain time periods in which" to:

3 "authorize an extension of"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 6, change "may be retained" to:

6 "and provide for claiming the extension"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 17, after "(5)" insert "(a)"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 2, line 6, change "ten" to "five"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, line 11, change "ten-year" to "five-year"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 2 between lines 16 and 17, insert:

15 **"(b)(i) Any owner entitled to the special assessment level set forth in**
16 **Item (a) of this Subparagraph who is unable to reoccupy his homestead within**
17 **five years from December thirty-first of the year following the disaster shall be**
18 **eligible for an extension of the special assessment level on the homestead for a**
19 **period not to exceed two years. A homeowner shall only be eligible for this**
20 **extension if the homeowner's damage claim is filed and pending in a formal**
21 **appeal process with any federal, state, or local government agency or program**
22 **offering grants or assistance for repairing or rebuilding damaged or destroyed**
23 **homes as a result of the disaster. The homeowner shall apply for this extension**
24 **of the special assessment level directly with the assessor of the parish in which**
25 **the homestead is located. The assessor shall require the homeowner to provide**
26 **official documentation from the government agency or program evidencing the**
27 **homeowner's participation in the formal appeal process as provided by law.**

28 **(ii) After expiration of the extension authorized in Subitem (i) of this**
29 **Item, an assessor shall have the authority to grant on a case-by-case basis up to**
30 **three additional one-year extensions of the special assessment level under**
31 **circumstances prescribed by law."**

32 AMENDMENT NO. 7

33 On page 2, line 20, after "(10)" insert "(a)"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 8

35 On page 2, between lines 28 and 29, insert:

1 **"(b)(i) For homesteads qualifying for the homestead exemption under**
 2 **the provisions of Item (a) of this Subparagraph, after expiration of the five-year**
 3 **period, the owner of a homestead shall be entitled to claim and keep the**
 4 **exemption for a period not to exceed two additional years by filing an annual**
 5 **affidavit of intent to return and reoccupy the homestead with the assessor**
 6 **within the parish where such homestead is located prior to December thirty-**
 7 **first of the year in which the exemption is claimed. A homeowner shall only be**
 8 **eligible for this extension if the homeowner's damage claim to repair or rebuild**
 9 **the damaged or destroyed homestead is filed and pending in a formal appeal**
 10 **process with any federal, state, or local government agency or program offering**
 11 **grants or assistance for repairing or rebuilding damaged or destroyed homes**
 12 **as a result of the disaster. The assessor shall require the homeowner to provide**
 13 **official documentation from the government agency or program evidencing the**
 14 **homeowner's participation in the formal appeal process as provided by law.**

15 **(ii) After expiration of the extension authorized in Subitem (i) of this**
 16 **Item, an assessor shall have the authority to grant on a case-by-case basis up to**
 17 **three additional one-year extensions of the homestead exemption under**
 18 **circumstances prescribed by law."**

19 AMENDMENT NO. 9

20 On page 3, delete lines 10 through 13, and insert:

21 "To authorize continuation of the homestead exemption and the special assessment
 22 level for a homestead that has been destroyed or is uninhabitable due to a disaster for
 23 two years if the homeowner's claim for damages is pending in a formal appeal
 24 process with a governmental agency or program offering assistance for repairing or
 25 rebuilding homes damaged by the disaster; to authorize an assessor to grant up to
 26 three additional one-year extensions of the continuation of the homestead exemption
 27 and the special assessment level under circumstances prescribed by law."