

**SENATE BILL NO. 88**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR MCGUIRE**

**Introduced: 2/21/07**

**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to and increasing the municipal property tax exemption on residences**  
2 **of certain seniors and others; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 29.45.030(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and  
6 permanent place of abode by a **resident who is** (1) [RESIDENT] 65 years of age or  
7 older; (2) **a** disabled veteran; or (3) [RESIDENT] at least 60 years **of age and** [OLD  
8 WHO IS] the widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption under (1)  
9 or (2) of this subsection, is exempt from taxation on the first **\$250,000** [\$150,000] of  
10 the assessed value of the real property. A municipality may, in case of hardship,  
11 provide for exemption beyond the first **\$250,000** [\$150,000] of assessed value in  
12 accordance with regulations of the department. Only one exemption may be granted  
13 for the same property and, if two or more persons are eligible for an exemption for the  
14 same property, the parties shall decide between or among themselves who is to receive

1 the benefit of the exemption. Real property may not be exempted under this subsection  
2 if the assessor determines, after notice and hearing to the parties, that the property was  
3 conveyed to the applicant primarily for the purpose of obtaining the exemption. The  
4 determination of the assessor may be appealed under AS 44.62.560 - 44.62.570.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 29.45.050(i) is amended to read:

6 (i) A municipality may by ordinance approved by the voters exempt from  
7 taxation the assessed value that exceeds \$250,000 [\$150,000] of real property owned  
8 and occupied as a permanent place of abode by a resident who is

9 (1) 65 years of age or older;

10 (2) a disabled veteran, including a person who was disabled in the line  
11 of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard; or

12 (3) at least 60 years old and a widow or widower of a person who  
13 qualified for an exemption under (1) or (2) of this subsection.

14 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2008.