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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY WHITTAKER

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 135

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act partly exempting from city and borough taxa-
7 tion the homesteads of senior citizens having limited
8 incomes; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 29.10.336(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Property owned by the city or the state; the real property
12 of certain residents of the state to the extent and subject to the
13 conditions provided in (e) of this section; the household furniture of
14 the head of a family or a householder not exceeding \$500 in value;
15 all property used exclusively for nonprofit religious, charitable,
16 cemetery, hospital, or educational purposes; the property of an organi-
17 zation, not organized for business purposes, whose membership is
18 composed entirely of individuals with 90 days or more of active service
19 in the armed forces of the United States whose conditions of service
20 and separation were other than dishonorable, or the property of the
21 auxiliary of any such organization; and all money on deposit are
22 exempt from taxation.

23 * Sec. 2. AS 29.10.336 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

24 (e) The homestead of a person 65 years of age or over whose
25 gross annual income totals less than \$10,000 is exempt from taxation
26 to the extent of 50 per cent or, if his gross annual income totals less
27 than \$5,000, 100 per cent, of the assessed value of the homestead. Only
28 one exemption may be granted with respect to the same property and, if
29 two or more persons are eligible for an exemption with respect to the

1 same property, the parties shall decide between or among themselves
2 which shall receive the benefit of the exemption.

3 (f) No exemption may be granted except upon written application
4 for the exemption upon a form prescribed by the state assessor for
5 use by local assessors. The claimant must file the application no
6 later than January 15 of the assessment year for which the exemption
7 is sought and must file a separate application for each assessment
8 year in which the exemption is sought. If an application is filed
9 within the required time and is approved by the assessor, he shall
10 allow an exemption in accordance with the provisions of this section.
11 The assessor may at any time require proof in the form he considers
12 necessary of the right and amount of an exemption claimed under this
13 section, and in that respect may as one form of proof require authori-
14 zation from the taxpayer to verify gross income level by reference
15 to gross income shown in the latest state income tax return available
16 for all or part of the assessment year for which an exemption is
17 sought.

18 (g) In (e) of this section "homestead" means a building owned
19 and actually occupied as a permanent abode, and the land and buildings
20 immediately surrounding the abode.

21 * Sec. 3. AS 07.12.200 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 07.12.200. LIMIT ON HOME RULE TAXING POWER. (a) AS 29.30.-
23 200, relating to the collection of penalties on property taxes and
24 interest on property and sales taxes, applies to home rule boroughs.

25 (b) AS 29.10.336(e) - (g), which limit home rule taxing power,
26 apply to home rule boroughs.

27 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1971.
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