

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HB 1161 — Verification of Eligibility for Homestead Exemption

by Ways & Means Committee and Reps. Arrington, Keen, and others (CS/CS/SB 172 by Finance and Tax Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Senators Polsky, Osgood, and Book)

The bill requires the Department of Revenue to create a form that a property appraiser may use to provide a person with tentative verification of that person's eligibility to receive an ad valorem property tax exemption related to the applicant's status as a disabled veteran after the purchase of homestead property. The person must submit forms, documentation, and other necessary proof of qualification for the exemption or discount.

The bill provides that decisions by property appraisers whether to consider a request for the tentative verification or regarding a person's eligibility are not subject to administrative or judicial review under ch. 194, F.S. Currently, this is a service which is not required but may be undertaken by local property appraisers at their own discretion.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 112-0