

By Senator Hukill

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to property tax exemptions; amending  
3 s. 196.202, F.S.; increasing the property tax  
4 exemption for residents who are widows, widowers,  
5 blind, or totally and permanently disabled; providing  
6 applicability; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 196.202, Florida  
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 196.202 Property of widows, widowers, blind persons, and  
13 persons totally and permanently disabled.—

14 (1) Property to the value of \$5,000 ~~\$500~~ of every widow,  
15 widower, blind person, or totally and permanently disabled  
16 person who is a bona fide resident of this state is exempt from  
17 taxation. As used in this section, the term "totally and  
18 permanently disabled person" means a person who is currently  
19 certified by a physician licensed in this state, by the United  
20 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by  
21 the Social Security Administration to be totally and permanently  
22 disabled.

23 Section 2. The amendment made by this act to s. 196.202(1),  
24 Florida Statutes, applies to tax years beginning on or after  
25 January 1, 2019.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.