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Township Assessor Lawson Shows Support for Cook County Bill Requiring Automatic Renewal of Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption

July 1, 2019 – Illinois House Bill 833 (HB 833), a bill requiring the automatic renewal of the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, was sent to Governor Pritzker for signing on June 28th, 2019. Township of Schaumburg Assessor John R. Lawson has long advocated for this change. Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi proposed the legislation and Assistant Majority Leader Fred Crespo was the bill's chief sponsor. The Governor has 60 days to sign the bill.

HB 833 amends the property tax code so that a person who has been granted a Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption would not need to reapply for the exemption every year. As it written now, residents who qualify for this exemption must filed in person every year to receive the deduction. Assessor Lawson publically filed support of HB 833 when it was debated in the Senate's Revenue Committee.

“Our seniors should not be required year after year to appear in person to renew for exemptions, especially in the winter months when these exemptions are often due,” says Township of Schaumburg Assessor, John R. Lawson. “Many of our senior residents are home-bound, do not have the means to transport themselves without assistance or have trouble getting around in the cold and snow we often experience during Cook County winters. I have been a strong champion of this simple change that would have a great impact on how our residents can obtain their well-deserved exemptions. I applaud Assistant Majority Leader Crespo for spearheading this issue in the General Assembly.”

This bill excludes Senior Freeze Exemptions.

Questions can be directed to the Township of Schaumburg Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Additional information can be found at schaumburgtownship.org/departments/assessors-office/.

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