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Township Assessor Welcomes Signing of Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Bill (HB 833) into Law

August 30, 2019 – Governor Pritzker has signed House Bill 833 into law, allowing for multi-year senior citizen homestead exemptions (senior exemption). Township of Schaumburg Assessor John R. Lawson has long-advocated for senior exemptions to renew automatically. A bill this year was sponsored by Assistant Majority Leader and local representative Fred Crespo.

Senior exemptions will renew without additional action for all Cook County seniors currently receiving the deduction. Those who do not already receive the exemption and those who were born in 1954, turning 65 in 2019, will need to apply in 2020. Once applied and received, the exemption will automatically renew each year. HB 833 does not include the senior freeze exemption. Senior freeze exemptions will still need to be renewed annually and are based on income for senior citizens.

“This bill is a great victory for our senior population. It is a well-deserved and frequently overlooked savings for seniors.” says Township of Schaumburg Assessor John R. Lawson. “I couldn’t be happier that our seniors no longer have the burden of reapplying year after year.”

To prevent fraud, the Illinois Department of Public Health is required to send the Cook County Assessor's Office death record information on a quarterly basis. Additionally, the Cook County Assessor's Office will be able to access the Social Security Administration's master death list and exchange information with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' Office on deed transactions of properties with a senior exemption.

Any questions can be directed to the Township of Schaumburg Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030 between 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday – Friday. Additional information regarding the Township of Schaumburg Assessor's Office can be found at:

<http://www.schaumburgtownship.org/departments/assessors-office/>.

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