

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 76

In Senate, January 14, 2025

### **An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, CYRWAY of Kennebec, Representative:  
ROEDER of Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §683, sub-§1-B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. H, §2, is  
3 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **1-B. Additional exemption; inflation adjustment.** A homestead eligible for an  
5 exemption under subsection 1 is eligible for an additional exemption as provided in this  
6 subsection:

7 A. For property tax years beginning before April 1, 2016, \$5,000 of the just value of  
8 the homestead;

9 B. For property tax years beginning April 1, 2017, April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019,  
10 \$10,000 of the just value of the homestead;

11 C. For property tax years beginning April 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, April 1, 2022, April  
12 1, 2023, April 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025, \$15,000 of the just value of the homestead;  
13 and

14 D. For property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2026, \$10,000 of the just value  
15 of the homestead for each property tax year in addition to the amount under paragraph  
16 C, until the additional exemption under this subsection is equal to \$85,000.

17 Beginning with property tax years beginning April 1, 2033, the State Tax Assessor annually  
18 shall multiply the amount of the exemption under this subsection and subsection 1 by the  
19 cost-of-living adjustment. For the purposes of this section, "cost-of-living adjustment"  
20 means the Chained Consumer Price Index, as defined in section 5402, subsection 1, for the  
21 12-month period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained  
22 Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2032.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill, for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2026, increases the  
25 homestead property tax exemption by \$10,000 of the just value of the homestead each  
26 property tax year until the total exemption reaches \$95,000. In subsequent property tax  
27 years, the exemption amount is adjusted annually for inflation.