

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2288

5 By: Representatives Pyle, Edwards, R. Green  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO RECEIVE THROUGH THE  
10 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND THE AMOUNT OF  
11 HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ASSESSED ON AND  
12 EXEMPTED FROM A DISABLED VETERAN'S HOMESTEAD; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 VETERAN'S HOMESTEAD.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 Arkansas Code § 26-26-310, concerning the certification to the Chief  
26 Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of property tax reduction provided in  
27 § 26-26-1118 for homestead property tax relief is amended to read as follows:

28 (d)(1) As used in this subsection:

29 (A) "Homestead" means the dwelling of a person that is  
30 used as his or her principal place of residence with the contiguous land,  
31 excluding all land valued as agricultural land, pasture land, or timber land.

32 (B) "Homestead" shall also include a dwelling owned by a  
33 revocable trust and used as the principal place of residence of a person who  
34 formed the trust; and

35 (C) "Disabled veteran" means a disabled veteran who has  
36 been awarded special monthly compensation by the Department of Veterans



1 Affairs for the loss of, or the loss of use of, one (1) or more limbs, for  
2 total blindness in one (1) or both eyes, or for service-connected one hundred  
3 percent (100%) total and permanent disability as defined in § 26-3-  
4 306(a)(1)(A)(i).

5 (2) In addition to any other amount calculated or distributed to  
6 a county under this section, the county shall receive per homestead the  
7 amount of the assessment of real property tax of a homestead in the county  
8 exempted from real property tax under § 26-3-306 up to the amount of the  
9 reduction in real property tax under § 26-26-1118.

10 (3) To determine the amount the county shall receive under this  
11 subsection (d), the county shall:

12 (A) After verification under § 26-3-306(b)(1)(A) is  
13 presented to the county collector by a disabled veteran, record the amount of  
14 real property tax for that homestead that would be due to the county if the  
15 real property tax was not exempted under § 26-3-306; and

16 (B) After October 11 but no later than November 15 of each  
17 year, certify the amount in subdivision (d)(3)(A) of this section to the  
18 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

19 (4) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall certify any  
20 amount certified by the county under subdivision (d)(3)(B) of this section to  
21 the Treasurer of State.

22 (5) An amount certified in subdivision (d)(3)(B) of this section  
23 not exceeding the amount received under subdivision (d)(2) of this section  
24 per homestead in the county shall be distributed by the Treasurer of State  
25 from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund to the county.

26 (6) The funds collected under subdivision (d)(5) shall be  
27 distributed to the taxing units in the county in the manner prescribed under  
28 § 26-26-310.

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30 /s/ Pyle, et al  
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