



# Decatur Senior School Tax Exemption



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# Why the change?

## The OLD exemption:

- Sunsets (ends) at the end of 2021

*The exemption was designed that way to allow for adjustments as needed*

- Cost more than expected by \$1.9M, so adjustments were needed
- Had no income qualifiers
- Had no upper limit for the exemption



# What changed?

## The NEW exemption :

- Makes the Senior Homestead School Tax Exemption sustainable by reducing the cost by \$1.9M
- Rigorously protects disadvantaged and vulnerable seniors from the impact of rising school tax costs
- Preserves as much tax relief as possible for seniors
- Limits the exemption amount

# Who qualifies?

Age	Annual Income	Qualify?
	<i>Federal Adjusted Gross Income</i>	
65 - 69	Less than \$53,000?	YES
65 - 69	Greater than \$53,000?	NO
70 +	No income limit	YES

## Exemption details:

Provides for an exemption of \$200,000 of assessed value

Can be combined with other exemptions

<https://www.decaturga.com/adminservices/page/homestead-exemption-information>



**SPECIAL ELECTION  
CITY OF DECATUR**

**City of Decatur Independent  
School District Homestead  
Exemption  
(Vote for One)**

Senate Bill 292  
Act No. 154

"Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Decatur independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for tax years 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$200,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are between 65 and 69 years of age and whose federal adjusted gross income, as well as the federal adjusted gross income of the spouse of such resident and all other members of the family who also reside at such homestead, does not exceed \$53,000.00 and which provides a homestead exemption from City of Decatur independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for tax years 2022 and 2023 in the amount of \$200,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older regardless of income?"

- YES  
 NO

# *What does it look like on the ballot?*



# Why vote for this?

## Help our senior neighbors age in place

Increases in property values in Decatur have far outpaced increases in household income, especially for seniors on fixed incomes.

No senior should be taxed out of their home.

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### Approvals to date:

-  CSD Board of Education
-  Georgia Legislature

Now it's up to  
Decatur Voters  
to say **YES!**

