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To amend sections 319.304, 323.152, 323.156, 1
4503.065, 4503.068, and 5705.32 of the Revised 2
Code to modify eligibility for the homestead 3
exemption and to require partial state 4
reimbursement of the local option homestead 5
exemption. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 319.304, 323.152, 323.156, 7
4503.065, 4503.068, and 5705.32 of the Revised Code be amended 8
to read as follows: 9

Sec. 319.304. (A) As used in this section: 10

(1) "Homestead" has the same meaning as in section 323.151 11
of the Revised Code and also includes a manufactured or mobile 12
home that is owned and occupied as a home by an individual whose 13
domicile is in this state. 14

(2) "Homestead exemption" means a reduction authorized 15
under section 4503.065 or division (A) (1), (2), or (3) of 16
section 323.152 of the Revised Code. 17

(B) A board of county commissioners, by resolution, may 18



authorize a reduction in the real property taxes or manufactured 19
home taxes charged and payable against every homestead in the 20
county subject to a homestead exemption for the tax year. The 21
board shall certify a copy of the resolution, or a copy of any 22
resolution repealing the reduction's authorization, to the 23
county auditor and tax commissioner within thirty days after its 24
adoption. If the resolution is adopted on or before the first 25
day of July of a tax year, the reduction shall first apply or 26
cease to apply, in the case of real property taxes, to that tax 27
year or, in the case of manufactured home taxes, the following 28
tax year. If the resolution is adopted after the first day of 29
July of a tax year, the reduction shall first apply or cease to 30
apply, in the case of real property taxes, to the following tax 31
year or, in the case of manufactured home taxes, the second 32
succeeding tax year. 33

(C) The reduction shall equal the same amount as the 34
homestead's applicable homestead exemption for the tax year and 35
shall be applied concurrently with the homestead exemption. The 36
reduction is subject to the same provisions as provided in 37
sections 323.151 to 323.159 or sections 4503.064 to 4503.069 of 38
the Revised Code as are applicable to a homestead exemption, 39
except that no application shall be required under section 40
323.153 or 4503.066 of the Revised Code for a homestead to 41
obtain the reduction. ~~The amount of any reduction authorized~~ 42
~~under this section shall not be reimbursed as provided in~~ 43
~~section 323.156 or 4503.068 of the Revised Code.~~ 44

Sec. 323.152. In addition to the reduction in taxes 45
required under sections 319.302, 319.303, and 319.304 of the 46
Revised Code, taxes shall be reduced as provided in divisions 47
(A) and (B) of this section. 48

(A) (1) (a) Division (A) (1) of this section applies to any	49
of the following persons:	50
(i) A person who is permanently and totally disabled;	51
(ii) A person who is sixty-five years of age or older;	52
(iii) A person who is the surviving spouse of a deceased	53
person who was permanently and totally disabled or sixty-five	54
years of age or older and who applied and qualified for a	55
reduction in taxes under this division in the year of death,	56
provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine but not	57
sixty-five or more years of age on the date the deceased spouse	58
dies.	59
(b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied,	60
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a person to	61
whom division (A) (1) of this section applies shall be reduced	62
for each year for which an application for the reduction has	63
been approved. The reduction shall equal one of the following	64
amounts, as applicable to the person:	65
(i) If the person received a reduction under division (A)	66
(1) of this section for tax year 2006, the greater of the	67
reduction for that tax year or the amount computed under	68
division (A) (1) (c) of this section;	69
(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a	70
reduction under division (A) (1) of this section for tax year	71
2013 or under division (A) of section 4503.065 of the Revised	72
Code for tax year 2014 or the person is the surviving spouse of	73
such a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine	74
years of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount	75
computed under division (A) (1) (c) of this section.	76
(iii) If the person is not described in division (A) (1) (b)	77

(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does 78
not exceed ~~thirty-fifty-five~~ thirty-five thousand dollars, as adjusted under 79
division (A) (1) (d) of this section, the amount computed under 80
division (A) (1) (c) of this section. 81

(c) The amount of the reduction under division (A) (1) (c) 82
of this section equals the product of the following: 83

(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the true value of the 84
property in money, as adjusted under division (A) (1) (d) of this 85
section; 86

(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax 87
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the 88
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent; 89

(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes 90
charged against the property for the current year, where 91
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the 92
Revised Code; 93

(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the 94
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the 95
current tax year under sections 319.302 and 319.303 of the 96
Revised Code and division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised 97
Code. 98

(d) The tax commissioner shall adjust the total income 99
threshold described in division (A) (1) (b) (iii) and the reduction 100
amounts described in divisions (A) (1) (c) (i), (A) (2), and (A) (3) 101
of this section by completing the following calculations in 102
September of each year: 103

(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross 104
domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic 105
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the 106

first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last 107
day of December of the preceding calendar year; 108

(ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income 109
threshold or reduction amount for the current tax year, as 110
applicable; 111

(iii) Add the resulting product to the total income 112
threshold or the reduction amount, as applicable, for the 113
current tax year; 114

(iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of 115
one hundred dollars. 116

The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from 117
each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first 118
day of December each year. The certified total income threshold 119
amount applies to the following tax year for persons described 120
in division (A) (1) (b) (iii) of this section. The certified 121
reduction amount applies to the following tax year. The 122
commissioner shall not make the applicable adjustment in any 123
calendar year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment 124
would be less than the total income threshold or the reduction 125
amount for the current tax year. 126

(2) (a) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and 127
occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a 128
disabled veteran shall be reduced for each year for which an 129
application for the reduction has been approved. The reduction 130
shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand 131
dollars of the true value of the property in money, as adjusted 132
under division (A) (1) (d) of this section, by the amounts 133
described in divisions (A) (1) (c) (ii) to (iv) of this section. 134
The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 135

of the Revised Code or division (A) (1), (2) (b), or (3) of this 136
section. The reduction applies to only one homestead owned and 137
occupied by a disabled veteran. 138

(b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, 139
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the 140
surviving spouse of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each 141
year an application for exemption is approved. The reduction 142
shall equal to the amount of the reduction authorized under 143
division (A) (2) (a) of this section. 144

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 145
323.158 of the Revised Code or division (A) (1), (2) (a), or (3) 146
of this section. The reduction applies to only one homestead 147
owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a disabled 148
veteran. A homestead qualifies for a reduction in taxes under 149
division (A) (2) (b) of this section beginning in one of the 150
following tax years: 151

(i) For a surviving spouse described in division (L) (1) of 152
section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled 153
veteran dies; 154

(ii) For a surviving spouse described in division (L) (2) 155
of section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the first year on the 156
first day of January of which the total disability rating 157
described in division (F) of that section has been received for 158
the deceased spouse. 159

In either case, the reduction shall continue through the 160
tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries. 161

(3) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, 162
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the 163
surviving spouse of a public service officer killed in the line 164

of duty shall be reduced for each year for which an application 165
for the reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal 166
the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of 167
the true value of the property in money, as adjusted under 168
division (A) (1) (d) of this section, by the amounts described in 169
divisions (A) (1) (c) (ii) to (iv) of this section. The reduction 170
is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 of the Revised 171
Code or division (A) (1) or (2) of this section. The reduction 172
applies to only one homestead owned and occupied by such a 173
surviving spouse. A homestead qualifies for a reduction in taxes 174
under division (A) (3) of this section for the tax year in which 175
the public service officer dies through the tax year in which 176
the surviving spouse dies or remarries. 177

(B) (1) As used in division (B) of this section, 178
"qualifying levy" has the same meaning as in section 319.302 of 179
the Revised Code. 180

(2) To provide a partial exemption, real property taxes on 181
any homestead, and manufactured home taxes on any manufactured 182
or mobile home on which a manufactured home tax is assessed 183
pursuant to division (D) (2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised 184
Code, shall be reduced for each year for which an application 185
for the reduction has been approved. The amount of the reduction 186
shall equal one of the following percentages of the amount of 187
taxes to be levied by qualifying levies on the homestead or the 188
manufactured or mobile home after applying section 319.301 of 189
the Revised Code: 190

(a) For the first tax year to which this amendment 191
applies, 5.70%; 192

(b) For the following tax year, 8.92%; 193

(c) For the second following tax year, 12.15%;	194
(d) For the third following tax year and every year thereafter, 15.38%.	195 196
(3) A board of county commissioners, by resolution, may authorize a partial exemption from the real property taxes or manufactured home taxes on any property or manufactured or mobile home that receives the partial exemption under division (B) (2) of this section. The resolution shall specify the amount of the partial exemption, which may equal up to two and one-half per cent of the amount of taxes to be levied by qualifying levies on the property or home after applying section 319.301 of the Revised Code. The partial exemption shall be applied concurrently with the partial exemption under division (B) (2) of this section, and no application shall be required under section 323.153 of the Revised Code to obtain the partial exemption authorized pursuant to this section.	197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209
The board shall certify a copy of the resolution, or a copy of any resolution repealing or modifying the partial exemption's authorization, to the county auditor and tax commissioner within thirty days after its adoption. If the resolution is adopted on or before the first day of July of a tax year, the partial exemption shall first apply or cease to apply, in the case of real property taxes, to that tax year or, in the case of manufactured home taxes, the following tax year. If the resolution is adopted after the first day of July of a tax year, the partial exemption shall first apply or cease to apply, in the case of real property taxes, to the following tax year or, in the case of manufactured home taxes, the second succeeding tax year.	210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222
(C) The reductions granted by this section do not apply to	223

special assessments or respread of assessments levied against 224
the homestead, and if there is a transfer of ownership 225
subsequent to the filing of an application for a reduction in 226
taxes, such reductions are not forfeited for such year by virtue 227
of such transfer. 228

(D) The reductions in taxable value referred to in this 229
section shall be applied solely as a factor for the purpose of 230
computing the reduction of taxes under this section and shall 231
not affect the total value of property in any subdivision or 232
taxing district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax 233
lists and duplicates, or any direct or indirect limitations on 234
indebtedness of a subdivision or taxing district. If after 235
application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code, 236
including the allocation of all levies within the ten-mill 237
limitation to debt charges to the extent therein provided, there 238
would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges not 239
provided for by levies in excess of the ten-mill limitation, the 240
reduction of taxes provided for in sections 323.151 to 323.159 241
of the Revised Code shall be proportionately adjusted to the 242
extent necessary to provide such funds from levies within the 243
ten-mill limitation. 244

(E) No reduction shall be made on the taxes due on the 245
homestead of any person convicted of violating division (D) or 246
(E) of section 323.153 of the Revised Code for a period of three 247
years following the conviction. 248

Sec. 323.156. (A) Within thirty days after a settlement of 249
taxes under divisions (A) and (C) of section 321.24 of the 250
Revised Code, the county treasurer shall certify to the tax 251
commissioner one-half of the total amount of taxes on real 252
property that were reduced pursuant to divisions (A) and (B) (2) 253

of section 323.152 of the Revised Code for the preceding tax 254
year and one-quarter of the total amount of taxes on real 255
property that were reduced pursuant to section 319.304 of the 256
Revised Code for the preceding tax year. The commissioner, 257
within thirty days of the receipt of such certifications, shall 258
provide for payment to the county treasurer, from the general 259
revenue fund, of the amount certified, which shall be credited 260
upon receipt to the county's undivided income tax fund, and an 261
amount equal to two per cent of the amount by which taxes were 262
reduced, which shall be credited upon receipt to the county 263
general fund as a payment to the county auditor and treasurer 264
for the costs of administering the exemption provided under 265
sections 323.151 to 323.159 of the Revised Code. 266

(B) On or before the second Monday in September of each 267
year, the county treasurer shall certify to the tax commissioner 268
the total amount by which the manufactured home taxes levied in 269
that year were reduced pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 270
323.152 of the Revised Code, as evidenced by the certificates of 271
reduction and the tax duplicate certified to the county 272
treasurer by the county auditor. The commissioner, within ninety 273
days after the receipt of such certifications, shall provide for 274
payment to the county treasurer, from the general revenue fund, 275
of the amount certified, which shall be credited upon receipt to 276
the county's undivided income tax fund, and an amount equal to 277
two per cent of the amount by which taxes were reduced, which 278
shall be credited upon receipt to the county general fund as a 279
payment to the county auditor and treasurer for the costs of 280
administering the exemption provided under sections 323.151 to 281
323.159 of the Revised Code. 282

(C) Immediately upon receipt of funds into the county 283
undivided income tax fund under this section, the auditor shall 284

distribute the full amount thereof among the taxing districts in 285
the county as though the total had been paid as taxes by each 286
person for whom taxes were reduced under sections 323.151 to 287
323.159 of the Revised Code. 288

Sec. 4503.065. (A) (1) Division (A) of this section applies 289
to any of the following persons: 290

(a) An individual who is permanently and totally disabled; 291

(b) An individual who is sixty-five years of age or older; 292

(c) An individual who is the surviving spouse of a 293
deceased person who was permanently and totally disabled or 294
sixty-five years of age or older and who applied and qualified 295
for a reduction in assessable value under this section in the 296
year of death, provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty- 297
nine but not sixty-five or more years of age on the date the 298
deceased spouse dies. 299

(2) The manufactured home tax on a manufactured or mobile 300
home that is paid pursuant to division (C) of section 4503.06 of 301
the Revised Code and that is owned and occupied as a home by an 302
individual whose domicile is in this state and to whom this 303
section applies, shall be reduced for any tax year for which an 304
application for such reduction has been approved, provided the 305
individual did not acquire ownership from a person, other than 306
the individual's spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity 307
for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An owner 308
includes a settlor of a revocable or irrevocable inter vivos 309
trust holding the title to a manufactured or mobile home 310
occupied by the settlor as of right under the trust. 311

(a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 312
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 313

division (D) (2) of that section, the reduction shall equal one 314
of the following amounts, as applicable to the person: 315

(i) If the person received a reduction under this section 316
for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax 317
year or the amount computed under division (A) (2) (b) of this 318
section; 319

(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a 320
reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014 321
or under division (A) (1) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code 322
for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such 323
a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years 324
of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed 325
under division (A) (2) (b) of this section. 326

(iii) If the person is not described in division (A) (2) (a) 327
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does 328
not exceed thirty-fifty-five thousand dollars, as adjusted under 329
division (A) (2) (e) of this section, the amount computed under 330
division (A) (2) (b) of this section. 331

(b) The amount of the reduction under division (A) (2) (b) 332
of this section equals the product of the following: 333

(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the true value of the 334
property in money, as adjusted under division (A) (2) (e) of this 335
section; 336

(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax 337
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the 338
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent; 339

(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes 340
charged against the property for the current year, where 341
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the 342

Revised Code; 343

(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the 344
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the 345
current tax year under sections 319.302 and 319.303 of the 346
Revised Code and division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised 347
Code. 348

(c) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 349
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 350
division (D) (1) of that section, the reduction shall equal one 351
of the following amounts, as applicable to the person: 352

(i) If the person received a reduction under this section 353
for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax 354
year or the amount computed under division (A) (2) (d) of this 355
section; 356

(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a 357
reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014 358
or under division (A) (1) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code 359
for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such 360
a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years 361
of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed 362
under division (A) (2) (d) of this section. 363

(iii) If the person is not described in division (A) (2) (c) 364
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does 365
not exceed ~~thirty-fifty-five~~ thousand dollars, as adjusted under 366
division (A) (2) (e) of this section, the amount computed under 367
division (A) (2) (d) of this section. 368

(d) The amount of the reduction under division (A) (2) (d) 369
of this section equals the product of the following: 370

(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the cost to the owner, 371

or the market value at the time of purchase, whichever is 372
greater, as those terms are used in division (D) (1) of section 373
4503.06 of the Revised Code, and as adjusted under division (A)
(2) (e) of this section; 374
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(ii) The percentage from the appropriate schedule in 376
division (D) (1) (b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code; 377

(iii) The assessment percentage of forty per cent used in 378
division (D) (1) (b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code; 379

(iv) The tax rate of the taxing district in which the home 380
has its situs. 381

(e) The tax commissioner shall adjust the income threshold 382
described in divisions (A) (2) (a) (iii) and (A) (2) (c) (iii) and the 383
reduction amounts described in divisions (A) (2) (b) (i), (A) (2) (d)
(i), (B) (1), (B) (2), (C) (1), and (C) (2) of this section by 384
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completing the following calculations in September of each year: 386

(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross 387
domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic 388
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the 389
first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last 390
day of December of the preceding calendar year; 391

(ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income 392
threshold or reduction amount for the ensuing tax year, as 393
applicable; 394

(iii) Add the resulting product to the total income 395
threshold or reduction amount, as applicable for the ensuing tax 396
year; 397

(iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of 398
one hundred dollars. 399

The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from 400
each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first 401
day of December each year. The certified amount applies to the 402
second ensuing tax year. The commissioner shall not make the 403
applicable adjustment in any calendar year in which the amount 404
resulting from the adjustment would be less than the total 405
income threshold or the reduction amount for the ensuing tax 406
year. 407

(B) (1) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to 408
division (C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a 409
manufactured or mobile home that is owned and occupied by a 410
disabled veteran shall be reduced for any tax year for which an 411
application for such reduction has been approved, provided the 412
disabled veteran did not acquire ownership from a person, other 413
than the disabled veteran's spouse, related by consanguinity or 414
affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An 415
owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A) (2) of 416
this section. 417

(a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 418
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 419
division (D) (2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 420
product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 421
true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division 422
(A) (2) (e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions 423
(A) (2) (b) (ii) to (iv) of this section. 424

(b) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 425
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 426
division (D) (1) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 427
product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 428
cost to the owner, or the market value at the time of purchase, 429

whichever is greater, as those terms are used in division (D) (1) 430
of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, as adjusted under 431
division (A) (2) (e) of this section, by the amounts described in 432
divisions (A) (2) (d) (ii) to (iv) of this section. 433

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 434
4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A), (B) (2), or (C) of 435
this section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or 436
mobile home owned and occupied by a disabled veteran. 437

(2) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to division 438
(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or 439
mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse 440
of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each tax year for 441
which an application for such reduction has been approved. The 442
reduction shall equal the amount of the reduction authorized 443
under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section, as applicable. 444
An owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A) (2) 445
of this section. 446

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 447
4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A), (B) (1), or (C) of 448
this section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or 449
mobile home owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a 450
disabled veteran. A manufactured or mobile home qualifies for a 451
reduction in taxes under division (B) (2) of this section 452
beginning in one of the following tax years: 453

(a) For a surviving spouse described in division (H) (1) of 454
section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled 455
veteran dies; 456

(b) For a surviving spouse described in division (H) (2) of 457
section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the first year on the 458

first day of January of which the total disability rating 459
described in division (F) of section 323.151 of the Revised Code 460
has been received for the deceased spouse. 461

In either case, the reduction shall continue through the 462
tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries. 463

(C) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to division 464
(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or 465
mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse 466
of a public service officer killed in the line of duty shall be 467
reduced for any tax year for which an application for such 468
reduction has been approved, provided the surviving spouse did 469
not acquire ownership from a person, other than the surviving 470
spouse's deceased public service officer spouse, related by 471
consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the 472
reduction. An owner includes an owner within the meaning of 473
division (A) (2) of this section. 474

(1) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 475
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 476
division (D) (2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 477
product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 478
true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division 479
(A) (2) (e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions 480
(A) (2) (b) (ii) to (iv) of this section. 481

(2) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 482
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 483
division (D) (1) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 484
product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 485
cost to the owner, or the market value at the time of purchase, 486
whichever is greater, as those terms are used in division (D) (1) 487
of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, as adjusted under 488

division (A) (2) (e) of this section, by the amounts described in 489
divisions (A) (2) (d) (ii) to (iv) of this section. 490

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 491
4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A) or (B) of this 492
section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or 493
mobile home owned and occupied by such a surviving spouse. A 494
manufactured or mobile home qualifies for a reduction in taxes 495
under this division for the tax year in which the public service 496
officer dies through the tax year in which the surviving spouse 497
dies or remarries. 498

(D) If the owner or the spouse of the owner of a 499
manufactured or mobile home is eligible for a homestead 500
exemption on the land upon which the home is located, the 501
reduction to which the owner or spouse is entitled under this 502
section shall not exceed the difference between the reduction to 503
which the owner or spouse is entitled under division (A), (B), 504
or (C) of this section and the amount of the reduction under the 505
homestead exemption. 506

(E) No reduction shall be made with respect to the home of 507
any person convicted of violating division (C) or (D) of section 508
4503.066 of the Revised Code for a period of three years 509
following the conviction. 510

Sec. 4503.068. On or before the second Monday in September 511
of each year, the county treasurer shall calculate the sum of 512
the total ~~the~~ amount by which the manufactured home taxes levied 513
in that year were reduced pursuant to section 4503.065 of the 514
Revised Code and one-half of the total amount by which the 515
manufactured home taxes levied in that year were reduced 516
pursuant to section 319.304 of the Revised Code, and certify 517
that amount to the tax commissioner. Within ninety days of the 518

receipt of the certification, the commissioner shall provide for 519
payment to the county treasurer, from the general revenue fund, 520
of the amount certified, which shall be credited upon receipt to 521
the county's undivided income tax fund, and an amount equal to 522
two per cent of the amount by which taxes were reduced, which 523
shall be credited upon receipt to the county general fund as a 524
payment to the county auditor and county treasurer for the costs 525
of administering sections 4503.064 to 4503.069 of the Revised 526
Code. 527

Immediately upon receipt of funds into the county 528
undivided income tax fund under this section, the county auditor 529
shall distribute the amount among the taxing districts in the 530
county as though it had been received as taxes under section 531
4503.06 of the Revised Code from each person for whom taxes were 532
reduced under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code. 533

Sec. 5705.32. (A) As used in this section: 534

(1) "Unnecessary collections" mean collections from a tax 535
beyond the reasonably anticipated financial needs of the taxing 536
authority for the specific purposes of the tax after accounting 537
for current fund balances, projected expenditures, unreimbursed 538
losses from property tax reductions or exemptions, and other 539
available funding sources. 540

(2) "Excessive collections" mean collections from a tax in 541
an amount or at a rate that exceeds what is required to provide 542
services at a level that is consistent with statutory 543
obligations. 544

(B) The county budget commission shall adjust the 545
estimated amounts required from the general property tax for 546
each fund, as shown by the tax budgets or other information 547

required to be provided under section 5705.281 of the Revised Code, so as to bring the tax levies required therefor within the limitations specified in sections 5705.01 to 5705.47 of the Revised Code, for such levies. The commission may revise and adjust the estimate of balances and receipts from all sources for each fund and shall determine the total appropriations that may be made therefrom.

If a taxing unit declared its intent to forgo all or a portion of collections under division (E) of section 5705.29 of the Revised Code, the commission shall adjust the rate of each levy as required to result in that reduction in collections.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in section 5705.31 of the Revised Code, the county budget commission may adjust the estimated amounts required from the general property tax for each fund, as shown by the tax budgets or other information required to be provided under section 5705.281 of the Revised Code, so as to bring the tax levies required therefor within levels the commission finds reasonable and prudent to avoid unnecessary or excessive collections. Before reducing the amount or rate of any tax pursuant to this division, the commission shall provide the taxing authority of the levying taxing unit and the levying taxing unit an opportunity to present, at a public hearing, information either considers relevant to the questions of if and to what extent the levy should be reduced.

If the county budget commission adjusts amounts from any tax levied by a taxing unit that is not a qualifying subdivision, the adjustment shall be subject to both of the following:

(1) No levy shall be reduced below the level that would cause it to collect less than what the levy collected in the

preceding year, unless funds are available from reserve balance 578
accounts, nonexpendable trust funds, or carryover amounts to 579
offset a reduction below that level, and the budget commission 580
shall consider reserve balance accounts, nonexpendable trust 581
funds, and carryover amounts for that purpose; 582

(2) No levy may be reduced under division (B) of this 583
section to a level that would cause a school district subject to 584
division (A) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code to levy less 585
than twenty mills for current operating expenses as required by 586
that division. 587

(D) The commission shall fix the amount of the county 588
public library fund to be distributed to each board of public 589
library trustees that has qualified under section 5705.28 of the 590
Revised Code for participation in the proceeds of such fund. The 591
amount paid to all libraries in the county from such fund shall 592
never be a smaller per cent of the fund than the average of the 593
percentages of the county's classified taxes that were 594
distributed to libraries in 1982, 1983, and 1984, as determined 595
by the county auditor. The commission shall base the amount for 596
distribution on the needs of such library for the construction 597
of new library buildings, parts of buildings, improvements, 598
operation, maintenance, or other expenses. In determining the 599
needs of each library board of trustees, and in calculating the 600
amount to be distributed to any library board of trustees on the 601
basis of its needs, the commission shall make no reduction in 602
its allocation from the fund on account of additional revenues 603
realized by a library from increased taxes or service charges 604
voted by its electorate, from revenues received through federal 605
or state grants, projects, or programs, or from grants from 606
private sources. 607

(E) Notwithstanding the fact that alternative methods of financing such needs are available, after fixing the amount to be distributed to libraries, the commission shall fix the amount, if any, of the county public library fund to be distributed to each board of township park commissioners, the county, and each municipal corporation in accordance with the following:

(1) Each municipal corporation in the county shall receive a per cent of the remainder that equals the per cent that the county auditor determines the classified property taxes originating in such municipal corporation in 1984 were of the total of all of the county's classified property taxes in 1984. The commission may deduct from this amount any amount that the budget commission allows to the board of township park commissioners of a township park district, the boundaries of which are coextensive with or contained within the boundaries of the municipal corporation.

(2) The county shall receive a per cent of the remainder that equals the per cent that the county auditor determines the classified property taxes originating outside of the boundaries of municipal corporations in the county in 1984 were of the total of all of the county's classified property taxes in 1984. The commission may deduct from this amount any amount that the budget commission allows to the board of township park commissioners of a township park district, the boundaries of which are not coextensive with or contained within those of any municipal corporation in the county.

(F) The commission shall separately set forth the amounts fixed and determined under divisions (D) and (E) of this section in the "official certificate of estimated resources," as

provided in section 5705.35 of the Revised Code, and separately 638
certify such amount to the county auditor who shall be guided 639
thereby in the distribution of the county public library fund 640
for and during the fiscal year. In determining such amounts, the 641
commission shall be guided by the estimate certified by the tax 642
commissioner and presented by the auditor under section 5705.31 643
of the Revised Code, as to the total amount of revenue to be 644
received in the county public library fund during such fiscal 645
year. 646

(G) (1) At least five days before the date of any meeting 647
at which the budget commission plans to discuss the distribution 648
of the county public library fund, it shall notify each 649
legislative authority and board of public library trustees, 650
county commissioners, and township park commissioners eligible 651
to participate in the distribution of the fund of the date, 652
time, place, and agenda for the meeting. Any legislative 653
authority or board entitled to notice under this division may 654
designate an officer or employee of such legislative authority 655
or board to whom the commission shall deliver the notice. 656

(2) Before the final determination of the amount to be 657
allotted to each subdivision from any source, the commission 658
shall permit representatives of each subdivision and of each 659
board of public library trustees to appear before it to explain 660
its financial needs. 661

(H) If any public library receives and expends any funds 662
allocated to it under this section for the construction of new 663
library buildings or parts of buildings, such library shall be 664
free and open to the inhabitants of the county in which it is 665
located. Any board of library trustees that receives funds under 666
this section and section 5747.48 of the Revised Code shall have 667

its financial records open for public inspection at all 668
reasonable times. 669

Section 2. That existing sections 319.304, 323.152, 670
323.156, 4503.065, 4503.068, and 5705.32 of the Revised Code are 671
hereby repealed. 672

Section 3. The amendment by this act of section 323.152 of 673
the Revised Code applies to tax years ending on or after the 674
effective date of this section. The amendment by this act of 675
section 4503.065 of the Revised Code applies to tax years 676
beginning on or after the effective date of this section. 677