

## **PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE EXEMPTION ACTS**

### **PA 624 OF 2002**

Effective December 23, 2003. Amended the General Property Tax to allow a homeowner who has a principle residence exemption for the current year, and who has owned and occupied that residence in any of the three preceding years when the exemption was not claimed, to file an appeal with the local assessor. If the appeal is successful, the homeowner is then entitled to a rebate of the excess property taxes for up to three years (versus the former one year), if applicable.

### **PA 130 OF 2003**

Became effective January 1, 2004. Amended existing law by replacing the term "HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION" with "PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE EXEMPTION."

### **PA 105 OF 2003**

Effective July 24, 2003. Allows a county treasurer or equalization director to conduct an audit of principle residential exemptions claimed, and requires the Treasury to conduct annual audits of properties in counties that elect not to conduct audits. The Treasury MUST annually provide counties with a list of parcels it believes has been erroneously claimed.

Pursuant to this act, a person is entitled to claim only ONE exemption in this state and is not entitled to an exemption if his spouse claims a similar exemption in another state unless they file separate income tax returns.

This Act also changed the affidavit-filing deadline to December 1 for all taxes levied in 2004.

### **PA 247 OF 2003**

Effective December 30, 2003 overrode PA 105 of 2003 and retained the affidavit-filing date back to the original date of May 1.

This Act also includes a new provision, which specifies that a person is not entitled to an exemption if he or she previously rescinded an exemption for the same property, and there has not been a transfer of ownership of the property after rescission of the previous exemption. This provision applies if (1) the person has claimed an exemption for any other property for that tax year and (2) if that person has rescinded an exemption on other property, and that exemption remains in effect for that tax year, and there has not been a change in ownership.