

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 396

Short Title: Raise Income Limit for Homestead Exclusion. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hilton, Setzer, R. Warren, Steen (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Blackwood, Blust, Burris-Floyd, Cleveland, Coates, Current, Dockham, Frye, Gillespie, Grady, Howard, Hurley, Johnson, McGee, Spear, Starnes, and Wiley.

Referred to: Ways and Means/Broadband Connectivity, if favorable, Finance.

March 5, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-277.1(a2) reads as rewritten:

"(a2) Income Eligibility Limit. – For the taxable year beginning on July 1, ~~2008,2009~~, the income eligibility limit is ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)~~ thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000). For taxable years beginning on or after July 1, ~~2009,2010~~, the income eligibility limit is the amount for the preceding year, adjusted by the same percentage of this amount as the percentage of any cost-of-living adjustment made to the benefits under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act for the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100.00). On or before July 1 of each year, the Department of Revenue must determine the income eligibility amount to be in effect for the taxable year beginning the following July 1 and must notify the assessor of each county of the amount to be in effect for that taxable year."

SECTION 2. This act is effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2009.

