

Monroe County Commission – Public Information Statement

The Monroe County Commission has received several questions regarding **Senior Tax Relief (Proposition 1 / Senate Bill 190)** and **Question 1 (Senate Bill 3)**, both of which will appear on the April 7th ballot.

As a Commission, we would like to share our position on these important matters.

After careful consideration, we believe that **Proposition 1 (SB190)**, as written, would not be in the best interest of Monroe County. This measure will reduce funding for essential services supported by property taxes, including:

- Local schools
- Fire departments
- Ambulance districts
- Monroe Manor
- Other county-supported entities

Monroe County currently does not have a sufficient commercial tax base to offset these potential losses through sales tax revenue. This could create financial challenges for services our residents rely on every day.

For citizens who need assistance with property taxes, relief options are already available. Eligible residents may apply for **Form 943** through the Monroe County Assessor's Office. This income-based tax credit program is designed to support individuals experiencing financial hardship.

We are also opposed to **Question 1 (SB3)**, which proposes a 5% cap on property tax increases. The Commission believes decisions regarding tax adjustments should remain at the local level, allowing the Assessor to respond appropriately to the needs of Monroe County and guidance from the Board of Equalization.

While we will not be responding to comments on social media, we welcome respectful, in-person discussions. Appointments are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

These positions were not made lightly. The Commission remains deeply committed to supporting our schools, essential service providers, and senior citizens.

■ We encourage all Monroe County residents to participate in the April 7th election and make their voices heard for the future of our community.

Sincerely,
Monroe County Commission

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Form 943 – Assessor Certificate

Beginning January 1, 2026, the household income maximum upper limit for each filing status:

- a. Single/Married Living Separate Entire Year: \$38,200**
- b. Single/Married Living Separate the Entire Year and owned and occupied home: \$42,200**
- c. Married Filing Joint and rented home: \$41,000**
- d. Married Filing Joint and owned and occupied home: \$48,000**

Beginning January 1, 2027, the household income maximum upper limit will be adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

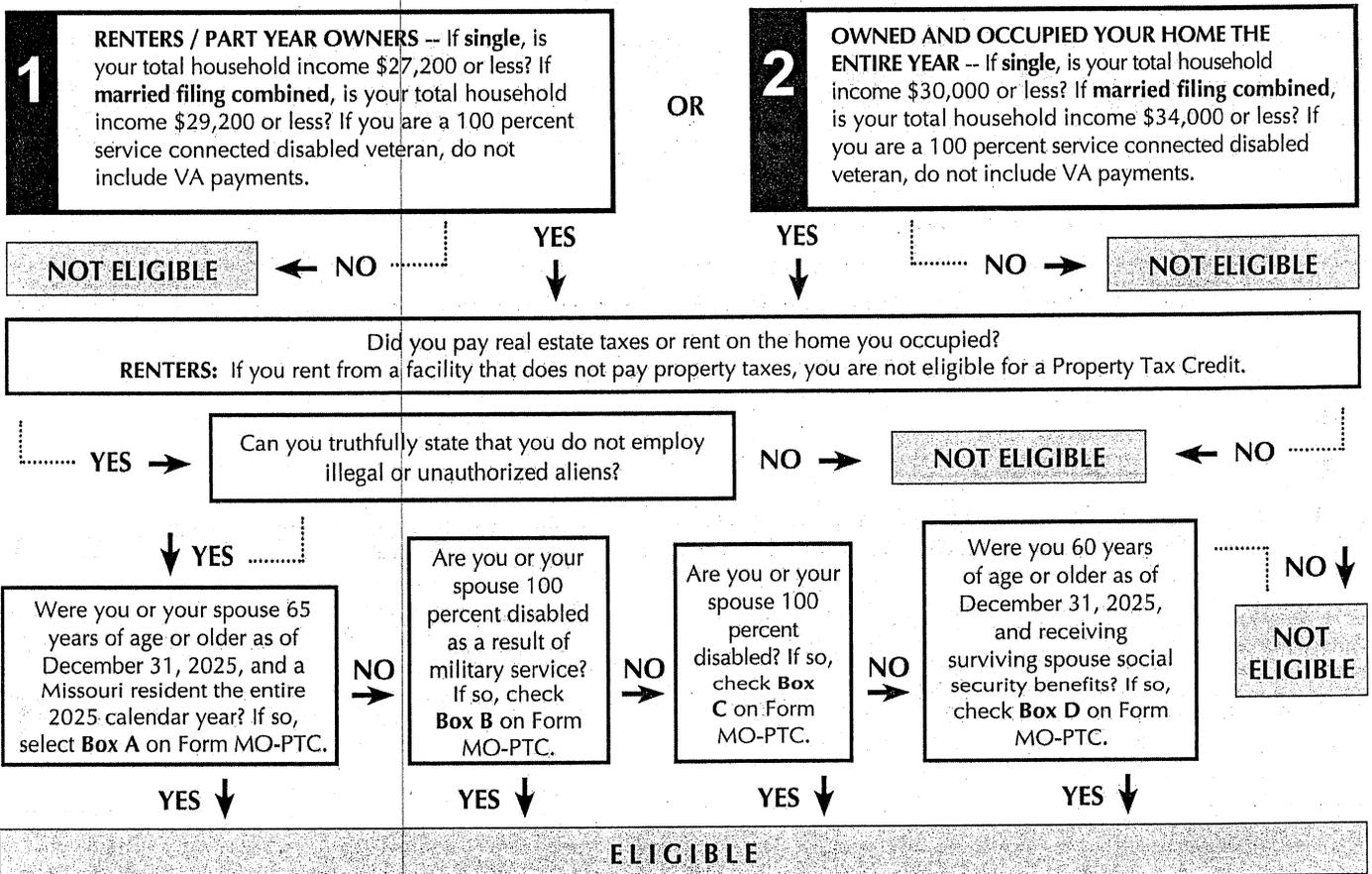
MISSOURI PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim is a program that allows certain senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals to apply for a credit based on the real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year. The credit is for a maximum of \$750.00 for renters and \$1,100.00 for owners. The actual credit is based on amount paid and total household income, taxable and nontaxable.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Use this diagram to determine if you or your spouse are eligible to claim the PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

START DIAGRAM BY CHOOSING BOX 1 OR BOX 2 AND FOLLOW TO CONCLUSION.



- Detailed instructions, forms, and charts can be found at: dor.mo.gov/forms.
- Specific questions can be sent to: PropertyTaxCredit@dor.mo.gov.

**If you need to file a Form MO-1040, you must use Form MO-PTS to claim a property tax credit and attach it to the form.
Do not use Form MO-PTC if you need to file an income tax return.**

Ever served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces?

If yes, visit dor.mo.gov/military/ to see the services and benefits DOR offers to all eligible military individuals, or complete the survey at mvc.dps.mo.gov/MoVeteransInformation/Survey/DOR to receive information from the Missouri Veterans Commission. A list of all state agency resources and benefits can be found at veteranbenefits.mo.gov/state-benefits/.