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HOUSE BILL

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Senate Committees

	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL REAL
102	PROPERTY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, LIMITING TO
103	QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY THE EXISTING
104	REDUCTION IN THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF ALL
105	RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY BY THE LESSER OF TEN PERCENT
106	OF ITS ACTUAL VALUE OR SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Contingent on Senate Bill 24-233 becoming law, the bill is

referred to the voters for their approval or rejection at the November 2025 statewide election. Senate Bill 24-233 becomes law only if neither of the following occur:

- An initiative that reduces valuations for assessment is approved by the people at the general election held on November 5, 2024; and
- An initiative that requires voter approval for retaining property tax revenue that exceeds a limit is approved by the people at the general election held on November 5, 2024.

If the bill is referred to the voters and approved, then for property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2026, it creates a new subclass of residential real property called qualified primary residence real property, which includes residential real property that, as of the assessment date, is used as the primary residence of an owner-occupier, as defined in the bill, if:

- The owner-occupier applies to the county assessor for the classification in the manner required by the bill;
- The circumstances that qualify the property for the classification have not changed since the filing of the application; and
- The property is not classified as qualified-senior primary residence real property for the current property tax year.

The bill modifies the residential property valuation for the purpose of a levy imposed by a local governmental entity, enacted in Senate Bill 24-233, so that the reduction in valuation for assessment of the lesser of 10% of the actual value of the property or \$70,000, as adjusted for inflation, applies only to real property classified as qualified primary residence real property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

- 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104.2, add
- 3 (1)(e) as follows:
- 4 39-1-104.2. Residential real property - valuation for
- 5 assessment - legislative declaration - definitions. (1) As used in this
- 6 section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (e) "QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY" MEANS 7
- 8 PROPERTY THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS SUCH UNDER SECTION 39-1-104.8.
- 9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-1-104.2, as

- 1 effective upon the date of the governor's proclamation for the general
- 2 election held on November 5, 2024, only if neither of the following occur:
- 3 An initiative that reduces valuations for assessment is approved by the
- 4 people at the general election held on November 5, 2024; An initiative
- 5 that requires voter approval for retaining property tax revenue that
- 6 exceeds a limit is approved by the people at the general election held on
- November 5, 2024, **amend** (3)(u)(I) introductory portion, (3)(u)(I)(A),
- 8 and (3)(u)(II); and **add** (3)(u)(I.5) as follows:
- 9 39-1-104.2. Residential real property valuation for
- assessment legislative declaration definitions. (3) (u) (I) For
- property tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2026, the valuation
- for assessment for all residential real property other than qualified-senior
- primary residence real property and qualified primary residence real
- 14 PROPERTY is:
- 15 (A) For the purpose of a levy imposed by a local governmental
- entity, 6.95 percent of the amount equal to the actual value of the
- property; minus the lesser of ten percent of the actual value of the
- property or seventy thousand dollars as increased for inflation in the first
- 19 year of each subsequent reassessment cycle; and
- 20 (I.5) FOR PROPERTY TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER
- January 1, 2026, the valuation for assessment for qualified
- PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY IS:
- 23 (A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A LOCAL
- GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, 6.95 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE
- 25 ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY MINUS THE LESSER OF TEN PERCENT OF
- THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OR SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
- AS INCREASED FOR INFLATION IN THE FIRST YEAR OF EACH SUBSEQUENT

1	REASSESSMENT CYCLE; AND
2	(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT
3	7.15 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE
4	PROPERTY; EXCEPT THAT THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT FOR THE
5	PURPOSE OF A LEVY IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY BE
6	TEMPORARILY REDUCED FOR A PROPERTY TAX YEAR AS SET FORTH IN
7	SECTION 39-1-104.7.
8	(II) For reassessment cycles commencing on or after January 1
9	2027, the property tax administrator shall publish the inflation adjusted
10	value used to calculate the valuation for assessment pursuant to
11	subsection $(3)(u)(I)(A)$ SUBSECTION $(3)(u)(I.5)(A)$ of this section.
12	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 39-1-104.8 as
13	follows:
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INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS AN OWNER OF RECORD OF THE RESIDENTIAL REAL

PROPERTY AND WHO OCCUPIED THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY WITH
THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR PARTNER AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE UNTIL
THE OWNER OF RECORD'S DEATH;

- (C) IS NOT AN OWNER OF RECORD OF THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIES AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE, ONLY BECAUSE THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST, A CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL ENTITY SOLELY FOR ESTATE PLANNING PURPOSES AND IS THE MAKER OF THE TRUST OR A PRINCIPAL OF THE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY;
- (D) OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND IS THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ALSO OCCUPIES THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, WHO IS NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY ONLY BECAUSE THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST, A CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL ENTITY SOLELY FOR ESTATE PLANNING PURPOSES, AND WHO IS THE MAKER OF THE TRUST OR A PRINCIPAL OF THE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY; OR
- (E) OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR PARTNER OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OCCUPIED THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY WITH THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR PARTNER UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH, WHO WAS NOT THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH ONLY BECAUSE THE PROPERTY HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY OR TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST, A CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL ENTITY SOLELY FOR ESTATE PLANNING PURPOSES PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH, AND WHO WAS THE MAKER OF THE TRUST OR A

- PRINCIPAL OF THE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY

 PRIOR TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.
- 3 (II) "OWNER-OCCUPIER" ALSO INCLUDES ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO,
- 4 BUT FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO A HOSPITAL, NURSING
- 5 HOME, OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, WOULD OCCUPY THE RESIDENTIAL
- 6 REAL PROPERTY AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND WOULD
- 7 MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE OWNERSHIP CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN
- 8 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE RESIDENTIAL REAL
- 9 PROPERTY:
- 10 (A) IS TEMPORARILY UNOCCUPIED; OR
- 11 (B) IS OCCUPIED BY THE SPOUSE, THE CIVIL UNION PARTNER, OR A
 12 FINANCIAL DEPENDENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL.
- 13 (b) "OWNER OF RECORD" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME 14 APPEARS ON A VALID RECORDED DEED TO RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY AS
- 15 AN OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.
- 16 (c) "SURVIVING SPOUSE OR PARTNER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
 17 WAS LEGALLY MARRIED TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, OR WAS A PARTNER IN
 18 A CIVIL UNION WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, AT THE TIME OF THE OTHER
 19 INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH AND WHO HAS NOT REMARRIED OR ENTERED INTO
- 20 ANOTHER CIVIL UNION.
- 21 (2) Classification. (a) For property tax years commencing 22 on or after January 1, 2026, residential real property that as of 23 the assessment date is used as the primary residence of an 24 owner-occupier is classified as qualified primary residence real
- 25 PROPERTY, WHICH IS A SUBCLASS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, IF:
- 26 (I) THE OWNER-OCCUPIER COMPLETES AND FILES AN APPLICATION 27 IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT QUALIFY THE PROPERTY FOR THE CLASSIFICATION HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION; AND

- (III) THE PROPERTY IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED-SENIOR PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-1-104.6 FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR.
- Under no circumstances is the classification as QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY ALLOWED FOR PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED DURING ANY PROPERTY TAX YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR IN WHICH AN OWNER-OCCUPIER FIRST FILES AN APPLICATION IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF OWNERSHIP OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT QUALIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY AS OF THE ASSESSMENT DATE CHANGES AFTER THE ASSESSMENT DATE, THE CLASSIFICATION IS ALLOWED ONLY IF AN OWNER-OCCUPIER WHOSE STATUS AS AN OWNER-OCCUPIER QUALIFIES THE PROPERTY FOR THE CLASSIFICATION HAS FILED AN APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.
 - (c) If an individual owns and occupies a dwelling unit in a common interest community, as defined in section 38-33.3-103 (8), as the individual's primary residence, only the dwelling unit that the individual occupies as the individual's primary residence may qualify as qualified primary residence real property.
 - (d) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LEGALLY MARRIED OR ARE CIVIL UNION PARTNERS BUT WHO OWN MORE THAN ONE PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY ARE DEEMED TO OCCUPY THE SAME PRIMARY RESIDENCE, AND ONLY THAT PROPERTY MAY

- 1 BE CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY. IF AN
- 2 INDIVIDUAL IS AN OWNER-OCCUPIER OF A RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
- 3 AND AN OWNER OF RECORD ON ANOTHER PROPERTY ALONG WITH A
- 4 MEMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILY OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL'S
- 5 SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER, THEN THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBER MAY
- 6 BE AN OWNER-OCCUPIER OF THE OTHER PROPERTY.
- 7 (3) **Applications.** (a) FOR A PROPERTY TO BE CLASSIFIED AS
- 8 QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST
- 9 FILE WITH THE ASSESSOR A COMPLETED APPLICATION NO LATER THAN
- MARCH 15 OF THE FIRST PROPERTY TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE
- 11 CLASSIFICATION IS SOUGHT. AN APPLICATION RETURNED BY MAIL IS
- DEEMED FILED ON THE DATE IT IS POSTMARKED.
- 13 (b) (I) AN APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FOR
- PROPERTY TO BE CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL
- PROPERTY ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT
- 16 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 17 (A) THE APPLICANT'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, AND SOCIAL
- 18 SECURITY NUMBER;
- 19 (B) THE ADDRESS AND SCHEDULE OR PARCEL NUMBER OF THE
- 20 PROPERTY;
- 21 (C) THE NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT'S
- SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER WHO OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS THE
- 23 SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE;
- (D) If A TRUST IS THE OWNER OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY, THE
- NAMES OF THE MAKER OF THE TRUST, THE TRUSTEE, AND THE
- 26 BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST;
- 27 (E) IF A CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY IS THE

- OWNER OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTY, THE NAMES OF THE PRINCIPALS OR
 THE CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY;
- 3 (F) AN AFFIRMATION, IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
 4 ADMINISTRATOR, THAT THE APPLICANT BELIEVES, UNDER PENALTY OF
 5 PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-8-503, THAT
 6 ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT IS CORRECT; AND
- 7 (G) Any other information that the administrator 8 reasonably deems necessary.

- (II) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ALSO INCLUDE IN THE APPLICATION A STATEMENT THAT AN APPLICANT OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE TRUSTEE HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE ASSESSOR WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE OWNERSHIP OR OCCUPANCY OF THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR WHICH CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR OR ALLOWED THAT WOULD PREVENT THE CLASSIFICATION FROM BEING ALLOWED FOR THE PROPERTY.
- (4) **Penalties.** (a) IN ADDITION TO ANY PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, AN APPLICANT WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION OR ATTEMPTS TO CLAIM MORE THAN ONE PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAME PROPERTY TAX YEAR SHALL:
- 22 (I) NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM THE PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY
 23 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR;
 - (II) PAY, TO THE TREASURER OF A COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY WAS IMPROPERLY CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY DUE TO THE PROVISION BY THE APPLICANT OF FALSE INFORMATION OR THE FILING OF MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION, AN

- 1 AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES NOT PAID AS A
- 2 RESULT OF THE IMPROPER CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY
- 3 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY; AND
- 4 (III) Upon conviction of Perjury, be required to pay to the
- 5 TREASURER OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH AN INVALID APPLICATION WAS
- 6 FILED AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT EQUAL TO TWICE THE AMOUNT OF THE
- 7 PROPERTY TAXES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION
- 8 PLUS INTEREST, CALCULATED AT THE ANNUAL RATE SPECIFIED IN SECTION
- 9 39-21-110.5 FROM THE DATE THE INVALID APPLICATION WAS FILED UNTIL
- 10 THE DATE THE APPLICANT MAKES THE PAYMENT REQUIRED BY THIS
- 11 SUBSECTION (4)(a)(III).
- 12 (b) If an applicant or a trustee fails to inform the
- 13 ASSESSOR WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE OWNERSHIP OR
- 14 OCCUPANCY OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR WHICH CLASSIFICATION
- 15 AS A QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN APPLIED
- 16 FOR OR ALLOWED THAT WOULD PREVENT THE CLASSIFICATION FROM BEING
- 17 ALLOWED FOR THE PROPERTY AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS
- 18 SECTION:
- 19 (I) THE CLASSIFICATION IS NOT ALLOWED WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 20 RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR;
- 21 AND
- 22 (II) THE APPLICANT OR TRUSTEE SHALL PAY, TO THE TREASURER
- OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE CLASSIFICATION WAS IMPROPERLY
- 24 ALLOWED DUE TO THE APPLICANT'S OR TRUSTEE'S FAILURE TO
- 25 IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE ASSESSOR OF ANY CHANGE IN THE OWNERSHIP
- OR OCCUPANCY OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
- THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES NOT PAID AS A RESULT OF THE

- 1 IMPROPER CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL
- 2 PROPERTY PLUS INTEREST, CALCULATED AT THE ANNUAL RATE SPECIFIED
- 3 IN SECTION 39-21-110.5 FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THE CHANGE IN THE
- 4 OWNERSHIP OR OCCUPANCY OCCURRED UNTIL THE DATE THE APPLICANT
- 5 MAKES THE PAYMENT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II).
- 6 (c) Any amount required to be paid to a treasurer
- 7 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OR (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION IS DEEMED
- 8 PART OF THE LIEN OF GENERAL TAXES IMPOSED ON THE PERSON REQUIRED
- 9 TO PAY THE AMOUNT AND HAS THE PRIORITY SPECIFIED IN SECTION
- 10 39-1-107 (2).
- 11 (5) Confidentiality. (a) COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR
- 12 CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY ARE
- 13 CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPT THAT:
- (I) (A) AN ASSESSOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY RELEASE
- 15 STATISTICAL COMPILATIONS OR INFORMATIONAL SUMMARIES OF ANY
- 16 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE A
- 17 COPY OF AN APPLICATION TO THE APPLICANT WHO RETURNED THE
- 18 APPLICATION AND TO THE TREASURER OF THE SAME COUNTY AS THE
- 19 ASSESSOR; AND
- 20 (B) An assessor or the administrator may introduce a
- 21 COPY OF AN APPLICATION AS EVIDENCE IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
- OR LEGAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE ACCURACY OR VERACITY OF THE
- 23 APPLICATION IS AT ISSUE SO LONG AS NEITHER THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL
- 24 SECURITY NUMBER NOR ANY OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER SET FORTH
- 25 IN THE APPLICATION IS DIVULGED;
- 26 (II) A TREASURER SHALL KEEP CONFIDENTIAL EACH INDIVIDUAL
- 27 APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM AN ASSESSOR BUT MAY RELEASE

- 1 STATISTICAL COMPILATIONS OR INFORMATIONAL SUMMARIES OF ANY
- 2 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN APPLICATIONS AND MAY INTRODUCE A COPY
- 3 OF AN APPLICATION AS EVIDENCE IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OR
- 4 LEGAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE ACCURACY OR VERACITY OF THE
- 5 APPLICATION IS AT ISSUE SO LONG AS NEITHER THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL
- 6 SECURITY NUMBER NOR ANY OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER SET FORTH
- 7 IN THE APPLICATION IS DIVULGED; AND
- 8 (III) THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY SHARE INFORMATION CONTAINED
- 9 IN AN APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED
- 10 PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY SOCIAL SECURITY
- 11 NUMBER SET FORTH IN THE APPLICATION, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 12 REVENUE TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO
- VERIFY THAT THE APPLICANT SATISFIES LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
- 14 CLASSIFICATION.
- 15 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF
- 16 THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATOR, AN ASSESSOR, OR A TREASURER
- 17 SHALL NOT GIVE ANY OTHER PERSON ANY LISTING OF APPLICANTS OR ANY
- 18 OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD ENABLE A PERSON TO EASILY
- ASSEMBLE A MAILING LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR THE QUALIFIED PRIMARY
- 20 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION.
- 21 (6) **Notice.** (a) As soon as practicable after January 1, 2026,
- 22 AND AFTER JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH COUNTY
- 23 TREASURER SHALL, AT THE TREASURER'S DISCRETION, MAIL OR
- 24 ELECTRONICALLY SEND TO EACH PERSON WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE
- 25 TAX LIST AND WARRANT AS AN OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
- 26 NOTICE OF THE QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY
- 27 CLASSIFICATION. THE TREASURER SHALL MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY SEND

- THE NOTICE EACH YEAR ON OR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE TREASURER MAILS THE PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT FOR THE PREVIOUS PROPERTY TAX YEAR PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-10-103. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE NOTICE, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION, INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A RELATED APPLICATION, AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS CLASSIFICATION AND OTHER PROPERTY CLASSIFICATIONS OR TAX EXEMPTIONS, INCLUDING THE CLASSIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED-SENIOR PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 39-1-104.6 AND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED BY SECTION 39-3-203.
 - (b) To reduce mailing costs, an assessor may coordinate with the treasurer of the same county to include notice with the tax statement for the previous property tax year mailed pursuant to section 39-10-103, or may include notice with the notice of valuation mailed pursuant to section 39-5-121 (1)(a).

- (7) **Notice of classification appeal.** (a) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AN ASSESSOR SHALL ONLY CLASSIFY PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY IF AN APPLICANT HAS TIMELY RETURNED AN APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION THAT ESTABLISHES THAT THE CLASSIFICATION IS APPROPRIATE.
- (II) IF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON OR WITH AN APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO THE CLASSIFICATION, OR IS INSUFFICIENT TO ALLOW THE ASSESSOR TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY MEETS THE CLASSIFICATION, THE ASSESSOR SHALL DENY THE

- 1 APPLICATION AND MAIL TO THE APPLICANT A STATEMENT PROVIDING THE
- 2 REASONS FOR THE DENIAL AND INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
- 3 APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO CONTEST THE DENIAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
- 4 (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE ASSESSOR SHALL MAIL THE STATEMENT NO
- 5 LATER THAN AUGUST 1 OF THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE
- 6 APPLICATION WAS FILED.
- 7 (b) (I) AN APPLICANT WHOSE APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED MAY
- 8 CONTEST THE DENIAL BY REQUESTING A HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY
- 9 COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION NO
- 10 LATER THAN AUGUST 15 OF THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR FOR WHICH THE
- 11 APPLICATION WAS FILED. THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON OR AFTER
- 12 AUGUST 1 AND NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR
- 13 FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION WAS FILED, AND THE DECISION OF THE
- 14 COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER
- 15 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL BY EITHER THE APPLICANT OR THE ASSESSOR.
- 16 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT TIMELY FILED AN APPLICATION
- 17 WITH THE ASSESSOR BY MARCH 15 MAY FILE A LATE APPLICATION NO
- 18 LATER THAN THE JULY 15 THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS THAT DEADLINE.
- THE ASSESSOR SHALL ACCEPT ANY SUCH APPLICATION BUT MAY NOT
- 20 ACCEPT ANY LATE APPLICATION FILED AFTER JULY 15. A DECISION OF AN
- 21 ASSESSOR TO DISALLOW THE FILING OF A LATE APPLICATION AFTER JULY
- 22 15 OR TO GRANT OR DENY THE CLASSIFICATION TO AN APPLICANT WHO HAS
- FILED A LATE APPLICATION AFTER MARCH 15 BUT NO LATER THAN JULY 15
- 24 IS FINAL, AND AN APPLICANT WHO IS DENIED LATE FILING OR
- 25 CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL
- PROPERTY MAY NOT CONTEST THE DENIAL.
- 27 (III) THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MAY APPOINT

- 1 INDEPENDENT REFEREES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS REQUESTED PURSUANT
- 2 TO SUBSECTION (7)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY
- 3 BOARD AND TO MAKE FINDINGS AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
- 4 COUNTY BOARD FOR ITS FINAL ACTION.
- 5 (8) **Reporting to administrator.** (a) No Later than September
- 6 10, 2026, AND SEPTEMBER 10 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH
- 7 ASSESSOR SHALL FORWARD TO THE ADMINISTRATOR A REPORT ON THE
- 8 RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE ASSESSOR'S COUNTY THAT QUALIFIES
- 9 FOR CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY
- 10 FOR THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX YEAR. FOR EACH UNIT OF RESIDENTIAL
- 11 REAL PROPERTY, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:
- 12 (I) THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY;
- (II) THE SCHEDULE OR PARCEL NUMBER FOR THE PROPERTY;
- 14 (III) THE NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE APPLICANT
- WHO CLAIMED THE CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AND, IF
- APPLICABLE, THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER WHO
- 17 OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY;
- 18 (IV) A STATEMENT OF WHAT THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF
- THE PROPERTY WOULD BE IF IT HAD NOT QUALIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY
- 20 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY AND THE VALUATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE
- PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY; AND
- 22 (V) Any other information that the administrator
- 23 REASONABLY DEEMS NECESSARY.
- 24 (b) (I) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL EXAMINE THE REPORTS SENT
- 25 BY EACH ASSESSOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO
- 26 ENSURE THAT NO APPLICANT HAS APPLIED FOR A QUALIFIED PRIMARY
- 27 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION WITHOUT MEETING ALL

1 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE CLASSIFICATION. NO LATER 2 THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2026, AND NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, 3 IF THE ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT AN APPLICANT HAS APPLIED 4 FOR MORE THAN ONE PROPERTY TO BE CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY 5 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PROVIDE 6 WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS APPLIED 7 FOR MORE THAN ONE SUCH CLASSIFICATION AND IS THEREFORE NOT 8 ENTITLED TO THE CLASSIFICATION FOR ANY PROPERTY. IF THE 9 ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT'S 10 SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER HAVE APPLIED FOR SEPARATE 11 PROPERTIES TO BE CLASSIFIED AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL 12 PROPERTY, THAT THE CLASSIFICATION WAS APPLIED FOR IN VIOLATION OF 13 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THAT THE APPLICANT HAS CLAIMED THE 14 CLASSIFICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT THE APPLICANT 15 DOES NOT OWN AND OCCUPY AS THE APPLICANT'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE AS 16 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, OR THAT THE 17 APPLICANT IS OTHERWISE INELIGIBLE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, THE 18 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO AN APPLICANT THAT 19 THE APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE AND THE REASON FOR THE INELIGIBILITY. 20 THE NOTICE MUST ALSO INCLUDE A STATEMENT SPECIFYING THE DEADLINE 21 AND PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTING THE DENIAL OF THE CLASSIFICATION 22 OR CLASSIFICATIONS CLAIMED. 23 (II) AN APPLICANT WHOSE APPLICATION FOR A QUALIFIED PRIMARY 24 RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION IS DENIED BY THE 25 ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION

MAY FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR NO LATER THAN

NOVEMBER 15 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CLASSIFICATION WAS DENIED.

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1 A WRITTEN PROTEST RETURNED BY MAIL IS DEEMED FILED ON THE DATE 2 IT IS POSTMARKED. IF THE GROUND FOR THE DENIAL IS THAT THE 3 APPLICANT, OR THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE OR CIVIL 4 UNION PARTNER, CLAIMED MULTIPLE CLASSIFICATIONS, THE SOLE GROUND 5 FOR A PROTEST IS THAT THE APPLICANT, OR THE APPLICANT AND THE 6 APPLICANT'S SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER, FILED ONLY ONE CLAIM 7 FOR THE CLASSIFICATION, AND THE PROTEST MUST SPECIFY THE PROPERTY 8 IDENTIFIED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN THE NOTICE DENYING THE 9 CLASSIFICATION FOR WHICH NO SUCH CLASSIFICATION WAS CLAIMED. IF 10 THE GROUND FOR THE DENIAL IS THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT AN 11 OWNER-OCCUPIER OF THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE 12 CLASSIFICATION IS CLAIMED, THE SOLE GROUNDS FOR A PROTEST ARE THAT 13 THE APPLICANT ACTUALLY IS AN OWNER-OCCUPIER AND THAT THE 14 APPLICANT QUALIFIES FOR THE CLASSIFICATION. IF A PROTEST IS DENIED, 15 THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAIL THE APPLICANT A WRITTEN STATEMENT 16 OF THE BASIS FOR THE DENIAL AND A COPY OF EACH CLASSIFICATION 17 APPLICATION FILED WITH AN ASSESSOR THAT THE APPLICANT CLAIMED 18 HAD NOT BEEN FILED.

(c) No Later than December 1, 2026, and each December 1 Thereafter, and after examining the reports sent by each assessor, denying applications for classification of property as qualified primary residence real property, and deciding protests in accordance with subsection (8)(b) of this section, the administrator shall provide written notice to the assessor of each county in which an application has been denied because the applicant was ineligible that includes the identity of each denied applicant and the reason for each denial.

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1 (d) No Later than January 10, 2027, and each January 10 2 THEREAFTER, EACH ASSESSOR SHALL FORWARD TO THE ADMINISTRATOR 3 A PARTIAL COPY OF THE TAX WARRANT FOR THE ASSESSOR'S COUNTY THAT 4 INCLUDES ONLY PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE ASSESSOR HAS GRANTED AN 5 APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE 6 REAL PROPERTY. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL EXAMINE THE TAX 7 WARRANTS TO ENSURE THAT NO ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF 8 PROPERTY AS QUALIFIED PRIMARY RESIDENCE REAL PROPERTY HAVE BEEN 9 ALLOWED SINCE THE ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINED THE REPORTS 10 PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM THE ASSESSORS AND THAT EACH ASSESSOR 11 HAS REMOVED FROM THE TAX WARRANT ALL SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS THAT 12 THE ADMINISTRATOR PREVIOUSLY DENIED. NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17, 13 2027, AND NO LATER THAN EACH JANUARY 17 THEREAFTER, THE 14 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL NOTIFY EACH ASSESSOR AND EACH TREASURER OF 15 ANY SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE TAX WARRANT.

• effective date. (1) This act takes effect only if Senate Bill 24-233 becomes law and the ballot title submitted to the registered electors of the state at the election held on November 4, 2025, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section is approved by the voters at said election.

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(2) If Senate Bill 24-233 becomes law, then, at the election held on November 4, 2025, the secretary of state shall submit this act by its ballot title to the registered electors of the state for their approval or rejection. Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning the valuation for assessment of residential real property, and, in connection therewith,

limiting to qualified primary residence real property the existing reduction in the valuation for assessment of all residential real property by the lesser of 10% of its actual value or \$70,000?" Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123, Colorado Revised Statutes, if a majority of the electors voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the act will become part of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

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(3) If the voters at the election held on November 4, 2025, approve the measure described in subsection (2) of this section, then this act takes effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.