

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 961

BY REPRESENTATIVES FARNUM AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:1717, relative to ad valorem tax; to extend eligibility to certain trusts for
3 the ad valorem tax exemption for property owners who are at least sixty-five years
4 of age or older; to provide for certain requirements; to provide for applicability; to
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:1717 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1717. Exemption for property of a person who is at least sixty-five years of age or
9 older or a surviving spouse; eligibility for certain trusts

10 A trust shall be eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption established
11 pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, which
12 provides an exemption for a person who is at least sixty-five years of age or older or
13 a surviving spouse of the owner, if all of the following apply:

14 (1) The settlor of the trust meets the conditions for eligibility established
15 pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

16 (2) The settlor of the trust was the immediate prior owner of the homestead.

17 (3) The naked ownership of the homestead was transferred to the trust.

18 (4) The settlor retained a usufruct on the homestead.

19 (5) The settlor continues to occupy the homestead.

20 (6) The settlor would be eligible for the exemption established pursuant to
21 Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana had he retained the naked
22 ownership of the homestead.

1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or
2 after January 1, 2028.

3 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028, but only if the
4 proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act
5 which originated as House Bill No. 514 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is
6 adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____