



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 196

Introduced by: **Senator Karr**

1 **An Act to increase the income limits for a property tax assessment freeze.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 10-6A-2 be AMENDED:**

4 **10-6A-2.** ~~Any person~~ An individual making an application under the provisions of
5 this chapter is entitled to a real property tax assessment freeze upon the ~~person's~~
6 individual's owner-occupied single-family dwelling if the person:

- 7 (1) Has a household income of less than fifty-five thousand dollars if the household is
8 a single-member household, or the person has a household income of less than
9 ~~sixty-five~~ eighty-five thousand dollars if the household is a multiple-member
10 household;
- 11 (2) Has been an owner of an owner-occupied single-family dwelling and a resident of
12 South Dakota for at least five years, unless the person has received the assessment
13 freeze in the previous year;
- 14 (3) Has resided for at least two hundred days of the previous calendar year in the
15 single-family dwelling; and
- 16 (4) Has established a base year.

17 The surviving spouse of a person who has previously qualified is entitled to the real
18 property tax assessment freeze if the surviving spouse meets the other conditions of this
19 chapter.

20 Beginning on January 1, 2026, 2027, the household income listed in subdivision
21 (1) of this section must increase annually by the index factor. The index factor is the
22 annual percentage change in the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical
23 workers as computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department
24 of Labor for the year before the year immediately preceding the year of adjustment or the
25 annual percentage change in federal social security payments for the preceding year,
26 whichever is greater.