

people being eligible for the homestead exemption more than likely?

SENATOR WARNER: It will probably enable more. In any event, it will allow them to have a current value on their homestead rather than the previous year, if you used the January 1 that you're going with last year's valuation. With this date to September 1 you would be using the current year valuation for that home as to whether or not, to how much homestead they have.

SENATOR WITEK: Well I'm considering that they're at least 10 percent higher and in some cases in my area they are 40 percent higher.

SENATOR WARNER: Right. Well if they qualified...if the value of the home was underneath the maximum value which is what, 40,000. In Douglas County it's whatever the average, would be a little bit more than that. That's the maximum of valuation you're entitled to under homestead exemption in any event no matter what is the value. You pay property taxes on all value above the maximum, but if the value was under that amount and was allowed to, through this bill they would get that increase. If their old value was 35,000 for a home, with the passage of this for a current year and it went up 10 percent, they'd have that \$3,500 additional valuation become eligible for homestead exemption. And by the way, if we run out of time on this deal, your local governments will not get reimbursed, so it doesn't make any difference to me but I wouldn't talk this one to death.

SENATOR WITEK: Well I don't intend to talk it to death and I've only asked one question so far.

SENATOR WARNER: I'll be glad to do that.

SENATOR WITEK: I have one other question. Would this then probably lower the state reimbursement for the homestead if we're going to...

SENATOR WARNER: What, lower it?

SENATOR WITEK: It would lower it.

SENATOR WARNER: No, it would raise it.

SENATOR WITEK: It will raise it.