

Senate File 548 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1129)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions governing the taxation of forest
2 reservations and fruit-tree reservations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 427C.1, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **427C.1 Tax exemption.**

4 1. Any person who establishes a forest or fruit-tree
5 reservation as provided in this chapter shall be entitled to
6 the tax exemption provided ~~by law~~ in this chapter.

7 2. a. For the assessment year beginning January 1, 2024,
8 the amount of the exemption for each qualifying reservation
9 shall be that portion of the actual value of the reservation
10 that exceeds an amount equal to the product of the number of
11 acres of the reservation multiplied by twenty-five percent
12 of the county valuation per acre of agricultural property
13 determined pursuant to section 441.21, subsection 1, paragraph
14 "e", for the same assessment year.

15 b. For the assessment year beginning January 1, 2025, and
16 each succeeding assessment year, the amount of the exemption
17 for each qualifying reservation shall be that portion of the
18 actual value of the reservation that exceeds an amount equal
19 to the product of the number of acres of the reservation
20 multiplied by fifty percent of the county valuation per acre of
21 agricultural property determined pursuant to section 441.21,
22 subsection 1, paragraph "e", for the same assessment year.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 Current Code chapter 427C authorizes a property tax
27 exemption for certain forest reservations and fruit-tree
28 reservations. The bill provides that for the assessment year
29 beginning January 1, 2024, the amount of the exemption for each
30 qualifying reservation shall be that portion of the actual
31 value of the reservation that exceeds an amount equal to the
32 product of the number of acres of the reservation multiplied
33 by 25 percent of the county valuation per acre of agricultural
34 property determined pursuant to Code section 441.21(1)(e) for
35 the same assessment year. For the assessment year beginning

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1 January 1, 2025, and each succeeding assessment year, the
2 amount of the exemption for each qualifying reservation shall
3 be that portion of the actual value of the reservation that
4 exceeds an amount equal to the product of the number of acres
5 of the reservation multiplied by 50 percent of the county
6 valuation per acre of agricultural property determined pursuant
7 to Code section 441.21(1)(e) for the same assessment year.