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NEW YEAR PROVIDES NEW BENEFITS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WITH HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS Property owners reminded to file for exemptions on property they own and live in.

HENDERSON, Texas – The Rusk County Appraisal District is reminding property owners who own and live on a property to save money on their property tax bill by filing for their homestead exemptions.

Several types of homestead exemptions are available, including a general residence homestead exemption and exemptions for people over the age of 65, people and veterans with disabilities, and the surviving spouses of service members or first responders killed in the line of duty. To be eligible for a homestead exemption, a property owner must own and occupy a property.

As of Jan. 1, 2022, a change in state law allows for property owners to claim a homestead exemption as of the date they own and live on a property instead of waiting until the new year to be eligible.

In May, voters will weigh in on whether to increase school district exemptions from \$25,000 to \$40,000 and adjust tax ceilings for property owners who have an over 65 or disabled person exemption.

For more information about the homestead exemptions, contact the Rusk County Appraisal District at 903-657-3578. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.