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***More Elderly and Disabled Homeowners
Now Qualify For Homestead Tax Credit***

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Cass County, ND – According to Director of Tax Equalization, Frank Klein, more low-income senior citizens and disabled persons may be able to receive the Homestead Tax Credit for 2013 because of recent changes to the eligibility requirements.

The 2013 Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 2171 and House Bill 1015 making the credit available to more low-income elderly or disabled homeowners.

The Homestead Tax Credit is available to homeowners who are 65 years of age or older, or permanently and totally disabled. Qualified applicants receive a reduction in the property taxes on their primary residence.

The 2013 legislation increased the maximum amount of income allowed in order to qualify for the property tax credit. The new income limit is \$42,000, after certain deductions. The previous income limit was \$26,000.

The other change to the program includes raising the value of assets allowed from \$75,000 to \$500,000 (which does include the value of the residence).

The changes would take effect for the 2013 property tax statements that will be sent out this December.

Homeowners may apply for the credit by completing the Homestead Credit Application for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons and sending it to their local assessor or county director of tax equalization. For more information about the program or for the proper application, homeowners should contact their local assessor or county director of tax equalization.

City and Township Assessor information can be obtained on the county's website at www.casscountynd.gov. The Cass County Tax Director's office may be contacted at 701-241-5616.