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Houston County Board of Education Reschedules Public Hearing to Discuss House Bill 581

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education has rescheduled the public hearing to discuss the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption, which is included in House Bill 581. The original public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 was postponed due to inclement winter weather. The hearing will now take place during the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Houston County Board of Education, located at 1100 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069.

House Bill 581 addresses property tax assessments for homeowners who have qualified for homestead exemption. This bill affects funding to local municipalities and county governments, including local school districts. House Bill 581 allows local governments to have a one-time opportunity to opt out. The Houston County Board of Education scheduled hearings to discuss their intent to opt out of House Bill 581 and the impacts that it could have on the school district's budget.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing. This is the third public hearing scheduled to discuss this matter. Previous meetings were held on Monday, January 13, 2025, and Tuesday, January 14, 2025. More information can be found at <https://www.hcbe.net/financebusiness>. The presentation from previous meetings can be found on the Simbli meeting agenda located at <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Index.aspx?S=4089>.

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