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State Senator Hansen Clarke opposes adding trash fees to property taxes.

Senator Clarke believes that adding this fee to the property tax could push many Detroiters over the edge into foreclosure status.

LANSING-State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit), in floor statements today, announced his strong opposition to the proposed incorporation of Detroit's Trash Fee into the property taxes residents already pay. The addition of \$300 (\$150 for those 65 and over) to the already high taxes in Detroit could put many residents in danger of going into tax foreclosure.

The current fee is levied by the City of Detroit separate of any other taxes. Legislation proposed in the Senate would amend the property tax act to treat those fees as taxes. Therefore, people's property taxes could go up almost \$300 per year.

"This legislation would only hurt the citizens of Detroit. It would make it harder for hardworking people to keep their houses," said Senator Clarke. "For homeowners struggling to pay their property taxes, every additional dollar they must pay pushes them closer to foreclosure. I opposed this legislation in order to protect Detroiters from their government."

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