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One of the top reasons seniors leave this state after they retire is the cost of living here. Taxes being #1 on my list. There is no way to freeze your property taxes, and then you have to pay state income taxes on SS. Some states exempt seniors from paying on SS benefits and pension benefits and some states have no state income tax (this was supposed to be temporary here). Seniors that want to stay to be near family are forced to leave by this state by the fact that they can't handle our money. If we all ran our finances the way this state does, we would all be on welfare, then who is going to pay?