

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Patron** Robert Hurt

2. **Bill Number** SB 774

3. **Committee** House Finance

House of Origin:

☐ Introduced

☐ Substitute

☐ Engrossed

4. **Title** Real Property Tax; Notice of Change in Assessments.

Second House:

☒ In Committee

☐ Substitute

☐ Enrolled

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill provides that if the local real property tax rate has not been established by Campbell County at the time of the mailing of the notice of change in assessment, then the notice must indicate where the date, time, and other information regarding the public hearing may be obtained.

Currently, if the tax rate that will apply to the new assessed value has not been established, then the notice must set out the time and place of the next meeting of the local governing body at which public testimony will be accepted on any real estate tax rate changes. If this meeting will be more than 60 days from the date of the reassessment notice, then instead of the date of the meeting, the notice must include information on when the date of the meeting will be set and where it will be publicized.

The effective date of this bill is not specified.

6. **No Fiscal Impact.**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:**

This bill would have no impact on state or local revenues.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

Campbell County

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. Other comments:

Notices of Assessment

Current law requires that whenever there is a reassessment of real estate or a change in the assessed value of real estate, a locality must provide notice by mail directly to each property owner whose assessment has been changed. Under current law, notice must be sent by postpaid mail at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing to protest the change in assessment. The notice must show the magisterial or other district, if any, in which the real estate is located, the amount and the new and immediately prior appraised value of land, the new and immediately prior appraised value of improvements, and the new and immediately prior assessed value of each if different from the appraised value. If the tax rate that will apply to the new assessed value has been established, then the notice must set out that rate, the total amount of the new tax levy, and the percentage change in the new tax levy from the immediately prior tax levy. If the tax rate that will apply to the new assessed value has not been established, then the notice must set out the time and place of the next meeting of the local governing body at which public testimony will be accepted on any real estate tax rate changes. If the meeting will be set for more than 60 days from the date of the reassessment notice, instead of the date of the meeting, the notice must include information on when the date of the meeting will be set and where it will be publicized. The notice of change in the property tax assessment does not apply when the increase is attributable to construction or the addition of new improvements to the property.

Proposal

This bill provides that if the tax rate that will apply to the new assessed value has not been established by Campbell County at the time of the mailing of the notice of change in assessment, then the notice must indicate where the date, time, and other information regarding the public hearing may be obtained.

Similar Legislation

House Bill 1009 would (1) require localities to include in the assessment notice the tax rate that will apply to reassessed real property; (2) require localities to include in the bill comparative information regarding tax rates, assessed values, and tax amounts owed for the current year and the previous year; and (3) permit taxpayers to defer a portion of the increase in real property taxes on the primary dwelling owned and occupied by the taxpayer until the property is transferred or until the taxpayer's death.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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