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SENATE BILL NO. 381

Offered January 20, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia, relating to boards of equalization.

Patrons—Watkins, Marsh and Martin; Delegates: Cox, Ingram, Nixon, Reid and Ware

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-3378. Sittings; notices thereof.

Each board of equalization shall sit at and for such time or times as may be necessary to discharge the duties imposed and to exercise the powers conferred by this chapter. Of each sitting public notice shall be given at least ten days beforehand by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the county or city and, in a county, also by posting the notice at the courthouse and at each voting precinct public library. Such posting shall be done by the sheriff or his deputy. Such notice shall inform the public that the board shall sit at the place or places and on the days named therein for the purpose of equalizing real estate assessments in such county or city and for the purpose of hearing complaints of inequalities wherein the property owners allege a lack of uniformity in assessment, or errors in acreage in such real estate assessments.

The governing body of any county or city may provide by ordinance the date by which applications must be made by property owners or lessees for relief. Such date shall not be earlier than thirty days after the termination of the date set by the assessing officer to hear objections to the assessments as provided in § 58.1-3330. If no applications for relief are received by such date, the board of equalization shall be deemed to have discharged its duties. Such governing body may also provide by ordinance the deadline by which all applications must be finally disposed of by the board of equalization. All such deadlines shall be clearly stated on the notice of assessment.

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