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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 33**

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.180 and 137.275, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to property tax assessments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 137.180 and 137.275, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.180 and 137.275, to read as follows:

137.180. 1. Whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner of both the amount and the percent of such increase, either in person[5] or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization [whereat] where the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state.

2. Effective January 1, 2009, for all counties with a charter form of government, other than any county adopting a charter form of government after January 1, 2008, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or before June fifteenth of **both the amount and the percent of** such increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, **both as a dollar amount and as the percentage by which the tax liability is projected to increase**, either in person[5] or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization [whereat] where the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor.

- 3. For all calendar years prior to the first day of January of the year following receipt of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under subsections 4 and 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for any county not subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or before June fifteenth of the previous assessed value and both the amount and the percent of such increase either in person[5] or by mail directed to the last known address, and include in such notice a statement of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, both as a dollar amount and as the percentage by which the tax liability is projected to increase, [indicating that the change in assessed value may impact the record owner's tax liability] and provide all processes and deadlines for appealing determinations of the assessed value of such property. Such notice shall be provided in a font and format sufficient to alert a record owner of the [potential] projected impact upon tax liability and the appellate processes available.
- 4. Effective January first of the year following receipt of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under this subsection and subsection 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for all counties not subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or before June fifteenth of both the amount and the percent of such increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, both as a dollar amount and as the percentage by which the tax liability is projected to increase, either in person[5] or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization [whereat] where the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor.
- 5. The notice of projected tax liability, required under subsections 2 and 4 of this section, from the county shall include:
  - (1) The record owner's name, address, and the parcel number of the property;
- 49 (2) A list of all political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record 50 owner;

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51 (3) The projected tax rate for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property 52 of the record owner, and the purpose for each levy of such political subdivisions;

- (4) The previous year's tax rates for each individual tax levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
- (5) The tax rate ceiling for each levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
- (6) The contact information for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;
- (7) A statement identifying any projected tax rates for political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record owner, which were not calculated and provided by the political subdivision levying the tax; [and]
  - (8) The total projected property tax liability of the taxpayer;
- (9) A calculation of the dollar amount by which the property tax liability of the taxpayer is projected to increase from the previous tax year as a result of any increases in property valuation; and
- (10) A calculation of the percentage by which the tax liability of the taxpayer is projected to increase from the previous tax year as a result of any increases in property valuation.
- 6. In addition to the requirements provided under subsections 1, 2, and 5 of this section, effective January 1, 2011, in any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants, whenever any assessor shall notify a record owner of any change in assessed value, such assessor shall provide notice that information regarding the assessment method and computation of value for such property is available on the assessor's website and provide the exact website address at which such information may be accessed. Such notification shall provide the assessor's contact information to enable taxpayers without internet access to request and receive information regarding the assessment method and computation of value for such property.
- 137.275. **1.** [Every] **Any** person who [thinks himself] **feels** aggrieved by the assessment of his **or her** property may appeal to the county board of equalization, in person, by attorney or agent, or in writing. Such appeals shall be lodged with the county board of equalization on or before the second Monday in July.
- 2. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever a county board of equalization receives an appeal as described under subsection 1 of this section which challenges an assessment of property that would increase the tax liability on such property by twenty-seven and one-half percent or more, such county board of equalization

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9 shall send a notice of the appeal to any mortgage holder on such property who receives escrow payments for such property.

(2) No mortgage holder, upon receiving such a notice, shall increase the amount of any escrow payments collected for property tax on any property referenced by the notice, until the county board of equalization renders a final decision with respect to the appeal referenced by the notice. The county board of equalization shall promptly notify such a mortgage holder once a final decision has been rendered.

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