



2019 SENATE BILL 13

1 **AN ACT to amend** 70.365 of the statutes; **relating to:** notification of changed
2 property tax assessment for agricultural land.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 70.365 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **70.365 Notice of changed assessment.** When the assessor assesses any
5 taxable real property, or any improvements taxed as personal property under s. 77.84
6 (1), and arrives at a different total than the assessment of it for the previous year,
7 the assessor shall notify the person assessed if the address of the person is known
8 to the assessor, otherwise the occupant of the property. However, the assessor is not
9 required to provide notice under this section if land is classified as agricultural land,
10 as defined in s. 70.32 (2) (c) 1g., for the current year and previous year and the

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1 difference between the assessments is \$500 or less. If the assessor determines that
2 land assessed under s. 70.32 (2r) for the previous year is no longer eligible to be
3 assessed under s. 70.32 (2r), and the current classification under s. 70.32 (2) (a) is not
4 undeveloped, agricultural forest, productive forest land, or other, the assessor shall
5 notify the person assessed if the assessor knows the person's address, or otherwise
6 the occupant of the property, that the person assessed may be subject to a conversion
7 charge under s. 74.485. Any notice issued under this section shall be in writing and
8 shall be sent by ordinary mail at least 15 days before the meeting of the board of
9 review or before the meeting of the board of assessors in 1st class cities and in 2nd
10 class cities that have a board of assessors under s. 70.075, except that, in any year
11 in which the taxation district conducts a revaluation under s. 70.05, the notice shall
12 be sent at least 30 days before the meeting of the board of review or board of
13 assessors. The notice shall contain the amount of the changed assessment and the
14 time, date, and place of the meeting of the local board of review or of the board of
15 assessors. However, if the assessment roll is not complete, the notice shall be sent
16 by ordinary mail at least 15 days prior to the date to which the board of review or
17 board of assessors has adjourned, except that, in any year in which the taxation
18 district conducts a revaluation under s. 70.05, the notice shall be sent at least 30 days
19 prior to the date to which the board of review or board of assessors has adjourned.
20 The assessor shall attach to the assessment roll a statement that the notices required
21 by this section have been mailed and failure to receive the notice shall not affect the
22 validity of the changed assessment, the resulting changed tax, the procedures of the
23 board of review or of the board of assessors or the enforcement of delinquent taxes
24 by statutory means. After the person assessed or the occupant of the property
25 receives notice under this section, if the assessor changes the assessment as a result

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1 of the examination of the rolls as provided in s. 70.45 and the person assessed waives,
2 in writing and on a form prescribed or approved by the department of revenue, the
3 person's right to the notice of the changed assessment under this section, no
4 additional notice is required under this section. The secretary of revenue shall
5 prescribe the form of the notice required under this section. The form shall include
6 information notifying the taxpayer of the procedures to be used to object to the
7 assessment. The form shall also indicate whether the person assessed may be
8 subject to a conversion charge under s. 74.485.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

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10 (1) This act first applies to the property tax assessments as of January 1, 2020.

11 (END)