



2015 SENATE BILL 429

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1 **AN ACT to create** 70.57 (1b) of the statutes; **relating to:** determining equalized
2 property values.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, annually, the Department of Revenue (DOR) determines the full value of the property of each county and taxation district and, on August 15, notifies each county and taxation district of that value. This property valuation is known as “equalized value.” DOR determines the equalized value of all property in the state to ensure, generally, that the property is being assessed at its full value. If DOR makes an error in determining the equalized value of the property of any county or taxation district, DOR, generally, corrects the error by adjusting the county’s or taxation district’s equalized value in the year after the year in which DOR made the error.

Under this bill, on or before August 1, DOR must publish on its Internet site for each county and taxation district a preliminary determination of its equalized value. If a county or taxation district discovers an error in DOR’s determination that would result in the overvaluation or undervaluation of the property located in the county or taxation district, the county or taxation district must notify DOR of the error no later than August 7. Under the bill, DOR must correct any such error so that the equalized value determination that is submitted to the county or taxation district on August 15 is correct.

