

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 349

July 24, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Parisi, Turner, Roys, Pasch, Fields, Zigmunt, Benedict, Schneider, Berceau, Dexter, Seidel, Toles, Hraychuck and Jorgensen, cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to create* 66.0145 of the statutes; **relating to:** limiting the searchability

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of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a city, village, town, or county that maintains property tax assessment records (taxation district) maintains an Internet listing of property taxes assessed by the taxation district and if the listing contains the name of a property owner whose property is assessed, the listing may not be searchable, by name, by members of the general public. Such an Internet listing may contain the property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction.

The bill also specifically authorizes a taxation district to maintain records in its offices that contain the property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction, and these office records may also contain the name of the property owner.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 66.0145 of the statutes is created to read:

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66.0145 Listing of property tax assessments. (1) In this section, "taxation
 district" means a city, village, town, or county that maintains property tax
 assessment records.

4 (2) If a taxation district maintains an Internet listing of property taxes
5 assessed within its jurisdiction and if that listing contains the name of the property
6 owner against whom the assessment is made, the Internet listing may not be
7 searchable, by name, by members of the general public. The Internet listing may
8 contain the amount of property taxes assessed for each parcel number or street
9 address within the jurisdiction.

(3) A taxation district may maintain records in the taxation district's offices
 that contain a list of property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel
 number or street address, and such a listing may include the property owner's name.

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SECTION 2. Effective date.

14 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after15 publication.

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