



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

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LRB Number <b>09-3190/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>SB-270</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Limiting the searchability of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The bill applies to taxation districts (town, village, city, or county) that maintain property tax assessment records. If the taxation district maintains an internet listing of property taxes assessed within its jurisdiction, and if that listing contains the name of the property owner against whom the assessment is made, the listing may not be searchable by name by the general public. The listing may, however, contain information on the amount of property taxes assessed for each parcel number or street address.

The bill authorizes taxation districts to maintain records in its office containing information on the amount of property taxes assessed by the taxation district by parcel number or street address, including the property owner's name.

Under the bill, taxation districts with searchable internet sites could incur one-time computer programming costs to remove the capability of searching by name. Ongoing costs may also be incurred to respond to questions that are no longer readily answerable on the taxation district's internet sites. Although the Department of Revenue does not have the data to accurately estimate these increases in costs, they are expected to be minimal.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**