

1979 Senate Bill 333

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CHAPTER 153, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 77.23; and to create 77.23 (3) of the statutes, relating to the availability of real estate sales information used to determine property valuations.

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

SECTION 1. 77.23 of the statutes is amended to read:

77.23 (title) Disposition of fees and returns; confidentiality. (1) On or before the 15th day of each month the register shall submit to the county treasurer transfer fees collected together with the returns filed in the office during the preceding month for the treasurer's transmission to the department of revenue under s. 77.24. The department shall distribute information from the returns, and a copy of each return, to local assessors.

(2) The returns filed under this section and ~~s. 77.22~~ subchapter shall be deemed privileged information, for use in any proceeding involving the amount of the requisite fee or for use of the department, county real property listers under s. 70.09 and local assessors or their agents or employes and of governmental agencies acquiring real property for public purposes; but in a condemnation proceeding or an appeal from an assessment of real property, returns shall be open to inspection by the property owner or agent. ~~The department shall distribute information from such returns to local assessors.~~

SECTION 2. 77.23 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

77.23 (3) The local assessor shall permit the inspection of all returns filed under this subchapter for property within any local unit of government for which property taxes are levied by the chief elected official, or a person designated by the official, of that unit upon the adoption of a resolution by the governing body of the unit directing the official to inspect the returns for the purpose of reviewing the basis upon which equalized values were established by the department of revenue under s. 70.57. The official or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of the returns.
