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**2009 Assembly Bill 703**

**Assembly Amendments 1 and 2**

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**Current Law**

Under current law, the Department of Revenue (DOR) annually completes an assessment of the property located in each *county or taxation district* (town, city, or village). DOR's assessment is the county or taxation district's equalized value for that year. Any errors in this equalized value that DOR discovers are generally corrected by adjusting the equalized value for the year *after* the error is discovered.

**2009 Assembly Bill 703**

**2009 Assembly Bill 703** (the bill) changes the year in which DOR must correct an error in the *taxation district's* equalized value. Under the bill, the equalized value must be recertified by DOR in the *same* year that the error is discovered if all of the following apply:

1. DOR discovers the error before October 1 of the year for which the error relates.
2. The amount of the error increases or decreases the equalized value by more than \$10 million.
3. The amount of the error exceeds an amount equal to 7.5% of the taxation district's corrected equalized value, excluding any value attributable to value increments in tax incremental districts.

Also, under the bill, if DOR recertifies a taxation district's equalized value in the same year that the error is discovered, DOR must also recertify the value of all underlying *school districts*.

### Assembly Amendment 1

*Assembly Amendment 1* (AA1) makes the following two amendments to the bill:

1. Changes when the bill first applies to assessments. The bill first applies to DOR assessments made in 2010. AA1 changes this date so that the bill first applies to assessments made in 2011.
2. Expands the list of other districts that must also have their values recertified if DOR recertifies a taxation district's equalized value in the same year that the error is discovered. AA1 states that DOR shall recertify the values for any affected *county, school district, tax incremental district, technical college district, metropolitan sewerage district, town sanitary district, or inland lake protection and rehabilitation district*. (Under the bill, only the values of a *school district* must be recertified.)

### Assembly Amendment 2

*Assembly Amendment 2* (AA2) changes when an error must be discovered for DOR to recertify a taxation district's equalized value in the same year that the error was discovered. Under AA2, DOR must discover the error before *September 15* of the same year to which the error relates. (Under the bill, the date is *October 1*.)

### Legislative History

Representative Hixon introduced AA1 on February 23, 2010 and AA2 on March 17, 2010. In an executive session held on March 23, 2010, the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs voted to adopt AA1 and AA2 by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Absent, 2. The committee also voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; Absent, 2.

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