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## 2015 SENATE BILL 429

December 3, 2015 – Introduced by Senators Olsen, Ringhand and Wanggaard, cosponsored by Representatives Kerkman, Ballweg, Billings, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Doyle, Jacque, Kahl, Kremer, Murtha, Petryk, Subeck and Weatherston. Referred to Committee on Revenue, Financial Institutions, and Rural Issues.

1 AN ACT to create 70.57 (1b) of the statutes; relating to: determining equalized

property values.

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#### 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.

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For further information see the *state and 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.** 70.57 (1b) of the statutes is created to read:

 $\mathbf{2}$ 70.57 (1b) On or before August 1 of each year, the department of revenue shall publish on its Internet site for each county and taxation district a preliminary 3 4 determination of its equalized value, tax incremental finance district values as  $\mathbf{5}$ provided under s. 66.1105 (5) (g) and (6), and net new construction value as provided 6 under ss. 66.0602 and 79.05. If a county or taxation district discovers a clerical, 7 arithmetic, transpositional, or similar error in the department's determination that 8 would result in the overvaluation or undervaluation of the property located in the 9 county or taxation district, the county or taxation district shall notify the department 10 of the error no later than August 7. The department shall correct, as provided in sub. 11 (1) (d), any error reported and verified by the department under this subsection that 12results in an overvaluation or undervaluation of the property located in the taxation 13 district greater than 2 percent. The correction shall be reflected in the equalized value provided to the county or taxation district under sub. (1m), except that 1415amended assessment reports filed after the 2nd Monday in June shall not be subject 16to correction by the department as provided in this subsection.

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### **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

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(END)

(1) This act first applies to the equalized values as of January 1. 2016.