SENATE BILL No. 909

January 14, 2004, Introduced by Senator McMANUS and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
by amending section 154 (MCL 211.154), as amended by 2000 PA
281.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 154. (1) If the state tax commission determines that
- 2 property -liable to taxation subject to the collection of taxes
- 3 under this act, including property subject to taxation under 1974
- 4 PA 198, MCL 207.551 to 207.572, 1905 PA 282, MCL 207.1 to 207.21,
- 5 1953 PA 189, MCL 211.181 to 211.182, and the commercial
- 6 redevelopment act, 1978 PA 255, MCL 207.651 to 207.668, has been
- 7 incorrectly reported or omitted for any previous year, but not to
- 8 exceed the current assessment year and 2 years immediately
- 9 preceding the date -of discovery and disclosure the incorrect
- 10 reporting or omission was discovered and disclosed to the state

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- 1 tax commission, of the incorrect reporting or omission, the
- 2 state tax commission shall place the corrected assessment value
- 3 for the appropriate years on the appropriate assessment roll.
- 4 Incorrectly reported or omitted property includes personal
- 5 property for which an assessment is determined by the local tax
- 6 collecting unit without a statement having been filed under
- 7 section 19. The state tax commission shall issue an order
- 8 certifying to the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit if
- 9 the local tax collecting unit has possession of a tax roll for a
- 10 year for which an assessment change is made or the county
- 11 treasurer if the county has possession of a tax roll for a year
- 12 for which an assessment change is made the amount of taxes due as
- 13 computed by the correct annual rate of taxation for each year
- 14 except the current year. Taxes computed under this section shall
- 15 not be spread against the property for a period before the last
- 16 change of ownership of the property.
- 17 (2) If an assessment change made under this section results
- 18 in increased property taxes, the additional taxes shall be
- 19 collected by the treasurer of the local tax collecting unit if
- 20 the local tax collecting unit has possession of a tax roll for a
- 21 year for which an assessment change is made or by the county
- 22 treasurer if the county has possession of a tax roll for a year
- 23 for which an assessment change is made. Not later than 20 days
- 24 after receiving the order certifying the amount of taxes due
- 25 under subsection (1), the treasurer of the local tax collecting
- 26 unit if the local tax collecting unit has possession of a tax
- 27 roll for a year for which an assessment change is made or the

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- 1 county treasurer if the county has possession of a tax roll for a
- 2 year for which an assessment change is made shall submit a
- 3 corrected tax bill, itemized by taxing jurisdiction, to each
- 4 person identified in the order and to the owner of the property
- 5 on which the additional taxes are assessed, if different than a
- 6 person named in the order, by first-class mail, address
- 7 correction requested. Except for real property subject to
- 8 taxation under 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.551 to -207.562 207.572,
- 9 1905 PA 282, MCL 207.1 to 207.21, 1953 PA 189, MCL 211.181 to
- 10 211.182, and the commercial redevelopment act, 1978 PA 255, MCL
- 11 207.651 to 207.668, and for real property only, if the additional
- 12 taxes remain unpaid on the March 1 in the year immediately
- 13 succeeding the year in which the state tax commission issued the
- 14 order certifying the additional taxes under subsection (1), the
- 15 real property on which the additional taxes are due shall be
- 16 returned as delinquent to the county treasurer. Real property
- 17 returned for delinquent taxes under this section, and upon which
- 18 taxes, interest, penalties, and fees remain unpaid after the
- 19 property is returned as delinquent to the county treasurer, is
- 20 subject to forfeiture, foreclosure, and sale for the enforcement
- 21 and collection of the delinquent taxes as provided in sections 78
- 22 to 79a.
- 23 (3) If an assessment change made under this section results
- 24 in a decreased tax liability, a refund of excess tax payments
- 25 shall be made by the county treasurer and shall include interest
- 26 at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month for taxes
- 27 levied before January 1, 1997 and interest at the rate provided

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- 1 under section 37 of the tax tribunal act, 1973 PA 186, MCL
- 2 205.737, for taxes levied after December 31, 1996, from the date
- 3 of the payment of the tax to the date of the payment of the
- 4 refund. The county treasurer shall charge a refund of excess tax
- 5 payments under this subsection to the various taxing
- 6 jurisdictions in the same proportion as the taxes levied.
- 7 (4) A person to whom property is assessed under this section
- 8 may appeal the state tax commission's order to the Michigan tax
- 9 tribunal.

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