

By Representative Harrington

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to value adjustment boards;
3 amending s. 194.032, F.S.; revising the time
4 for notice to a petitioner of the scheduled
5 time of appearance before the board; providing
6 an effective date

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 194.032, Florida
11 Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

12 194.032 Hearing purposes; timetable.--

13 (2) The clerk of the governing body of the county
14 shall prepare a schedule of appearances before the board based
15 on petitions timely filed with him or her. The clerk shall
16 notify each petitioner of the scheduled time of his or her
17 appearance no less than 15 5 calendar days prior to the day of
18 such scheduled appearance. A copy of the property record
19 card containing relevant information used in computing the
20 taxpayer's current assessment shall be included with such
21 notice, if said card was requested by the taxpayer. Such
22 request shall be made by checking an appropriate box on the
23 petition form. No petitioner shall be required to wait for
24 more than 4 hours from the scheduled time; and, if his or her
25 petition is not heard in that time, the petitioner may, at his
26 or her option, report to the chairperson of the meeting that
27 he or she intends to leave; and, if he or she is not heard
28 immediately, the petitioner's administrative remedies will be
29 deemed to be exhausted, and he or she may seek further relief
30 as he or she deems appropriate. Failure on three occasions
31 with respect to any single tax year to convene at the

1 scheduled time of meetings of the board shall constitute
2 grounds for removal from office by the Governor for neglect of
3 duties.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
5 law.

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8 HOUSE SUMMARY

9 Provides for notice to a petitioner before a value
10 adjustment board of the time of his or her scheduled
11 appearance at least 15, rather than 5, days before the
day that appearance is scheduled.

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