By Senator McKay

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

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

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

194.032 Hearing purposes; timetable.--

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

scheduled time of meetings of the board shall constitute grounds for removal from office by the Governor for neglect of duties. Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999. ********** LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY Provides for notice to a petitioner before a value adjustment board of the time of his or her scheduled appearance at least 15, rather than 5, days before the day that appearance is scheduled.