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11	Representative(s) Kelly offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 6, between lines 11 and 12, of the bill
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16	insert:
17	Section 5. Section 193.155, Florida Statutes, is
18	amended to read:
19	193.155 Homestead assessmentsHomestead property
20	shall be assessed at just value as of January 1, 1994.
21	Property receiving the homestead exemption after January 1,
22	1994, shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the
23	year in which the property receives the exemption. Thereafter,
24	determination of the assessed value of the property is subject
25	to the following provisions:
26	(1) Beginning in 1995, or the year following the year
27	the property receives homestead exemption, whichever is later,
28	the property shall be reassessed annually on January 1. Any
29	change resulting from such reassessment shall not exceed the
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31	(a) Three percent of the assessed value of the

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property for the prior year; or

- (b) The percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- (2) If the assessed value of the property as calculated under subsection (1) exceeds the just value, the assessed value of the property shall be lowered to the just value of the property.
- (3) Except as provided in this subsection, property assessed under this section shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following a change of ownership. Thereafter, the annual changes in the assessed value of the property are subject to the limitations in subsections (1) and (2). For the purpose of this section, a change in ownership means any sale, foreclosure, or transfer of legal title or beneficial title in equity to any person, except as provided in this subsection. There is no change of ownership if:
- (a) Subsequent to the change or transfer, the same person is entitled to the homestead exemption as was previously entitled and:
 - 1. The transfer of title is to correct an error; or
 - 2. The transfer is between legal and equitable title;
- (b) The transfer is between husband and wife, including a transfer to a surviving spouse or a transfer due to a dissolution of marriage;
- (c) The transfer occurs by operation of law under s. 732.4015; or
- (d) Upon the death of the owner, the transfer is between the owner and another who is a permanent resident and

is legally or naturally dependent upon the owner.

- (4)(a) Changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of the first January 1 after the changes, additions, or improvements are substantially completed.
- (b) Changes, additions, or improvements do not include replacement of a portion of real property damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity when the just value of the damaged or destroyed portion as replaced is not more than 125 percent of the just value of the damaged or destroyed portion. The value of any replaced real property, or portion thereof, which is in excess of 125 percent of the just value of the damaged or destroyed property shall be deemed to be a change, addition, or improvement. Replaced real property with a just value of less than 100 percent of the original property's just value shall be assessed pursuant to subsection (5).
- (c) Changes, additions, or improvements include improvements made to common areas or other improvements made to property other than to the homestead property by the owner or by an owner association, which improvements directly benefit the homestead property. Such changes, additions, or improvements shall be assessed at just value, and the just value shall be apportioned among the parcels benefiting from the improvement.
- (5) When property is destroyed or removed and not replaced, the assessed value of the parcel shall be reduced by the assessed value attributable to the destroyed or removed property.
- (6) Only property that receives a homestead exemption is subject to this section. No portion of property that is assessed solely on the basis of character or use pursuant to

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- s. 193.461 or s. 193.501, or assessed pursuant to s. 193.505, is subject to this section. When property is assessed under s. 193.461, s. 193.501, or s. 193.505 and contains a residence under the same ownership, the portion of the property consisting of the residence and curtilage must be assessed separately, pursuant to s. 193.011, for the assessment to be subject to the limitation in this section.
- (7) If a person received a homestead exemption limited to that person's proportionate interest in real property, the provisions of this section apply only to that interest.
- (8) Erroneous assessments of homestead property assessed under this section may be corrected in the following manner:
- (a) If errors are made in arriving at any annual assessment under this section due to a material mistake of fact concerning an essential characteristic of the property, the just value and assessed value assessment must be recalculated for every such year, including the year in which the mistake occurred.
- (b) If changes, additions, or improvements are not assessed at just value as of the first January 1 after they were substantially completed, the property appraiser shall determine the just value for such changes, additions, or improvements for the year they were substantially completed. Assessments for subsequent years shall be corrected, applying this section if applicable.

28 If back taxes are due pursuant to s. 193.092, the corrections 29 made pursuant to this subsection shall be used to calculate

30 such back taxes.

(9) If the property appraiser determines that for any

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year or years within the prior 10 years a person who was not entitled to the homestead property assessment limitation granted under this section was granted the homestead property assessment limitation, the property appraiser making such determination shall record in the public records of the county a notice of tax lien against any property owned by that person in the county, and such property must be identified in the notice of tax lien. Such property that is situated in this state is subject to the unpaid taxes, plus a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes for each year and 15 percent interest per annum. However, when a person entitled to exemption pursuant to s. 196.031 inadvertently receives the limitation pursuant to this section following a change of ownership, the assessment of such property must be corrected as provided in paragraph (8)(a), and the person need not pay the unpaid taxes, penalties, or interest.

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insert:

amending s. 193.155, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the assessment of homestead property; revising requirements relating to recalculation when errors are made due to a material mistake of fact;

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