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Representative Baxley offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 125 and 126, insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 194.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

194.011 Assessment notice; objections to assessments.--

(4)(a) At least 15 ~~10~~ days before the hearing, the petitioner shall provide to the property appraiser a list of evidence to be presented at the hearing, together with copies of all documentation to be considered by the value adjustment board and a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses.

Notwithstanding this paragraph, in any county with a population of more than 1.5 million, the petitioner shall provide such evidence list and documentation at least 16 days before the hearing.

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27 (b) No later than 5 days after the petitioner provides the
28 information required under paragraph (a), the property appraiser
29 shall provide to the petitioner a list of evidence to be
30 presented at the hearing, together with copies of all
31 documentation to be considered by the value adjustment board and
32 a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses. The evidence
33 list must contain the property record card if provided by the
34 clerk. Notwithstanding this paragraph, in any county with a
35 population of more than 1.5 million, the property appraiser
36 shall provide such evidence list and documentation by electronic
37 means or facsimile 5 days before the hearing provided the
38 petitioner has provided the property appraiser with an e-mail
39 address or fax number.

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

42 194.032 Hearing purposes; timetable.--

43 (2) The clerk of the governing body of the county shall
44 prepare a schedule of appearances before the board based on
45 petitions timely filed with him or her. The clerk shall notify
46 each petitioner of the scheduled time of his or her appearance
47 no less than 20 calendar days prior to the day of such scheduled
48 appearance, provided, however, that in any county with a
49 population of more than 1.5 million, the clerk shall provide
50 such notice no less than 25 calendar days before the day of such
51 scheduled appearance by electronic means or facsimile if the
52 petitioner has provided the property appraiser with an e-mail
53 address or fax number. Upon receipt of this notification, the
54 petitioner shall have the right to reschedule the hearing a
55 single time by submitting to the clerk of the governing body of

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56 the county a written request to reschedule, no less than 5
57 calendar days before the day of the originally scheduled
58 hearing. A copy of the property record card containing relevant
59 information used in computing the taxpayer's current assessment
60 shall be included with such notice, if said card was requested
61 by the taxpayer. Such request shall be made by checking an
62 appropriate box on the petition form. No petitioner shall be
63 required to wait for more than 4 hours from the scheduled time;
64 and, if his or her petition is not heard in that time, the
65 petitioner may, at his or her option, report to the chairperson
66 of the meeting that he or she intends to leave; and, if he or
67 she is not heard immediately, the petitioner's administrative
68 remedies will be deemed to be exhausted, and he or she may seek
69 further relief as he or she deems appropriate. Failure on three
70 occasions with respect to any single tax year to convene at the
71 scheduled time of meetings of the board shall constitute grounds
72 for removal from office by the Governor for neglect of duties.

74 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

75 Remove line 2, and insert:
76 An act relating to taxation; amending s. 194.011, F.S.;
77 extending the time period for a petitioner to provide the
78 property appraiser with certain information before a hearing;
79 requiring petitioners in certain counties to provide the
80 property appraiser with certain information before a hearing;
81 requiring property appraisers in certain counties to provide
82 petitioners with certain information electronically under
83 certain circumstances; amending s. 194.032, F.S.; requiring
84 court clerks in certain counties to provide petitioners with

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85 certain notices electronically under certain circumstances;
86 amending s. 199.052, F.S.;