

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Clary

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state revenue programs;
3 amending s. 195.022, F.S.; limiting the
4 responsibility of the Department of Revenue to
5 furnish certain ad valorem tax forms to
6 specified local officials; requiring certain
7 counties to reproduce the forms; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 195.022, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 195.022 Forms to be prescribed by Department of
15 Revenue.--The Department of Revenue shall prescribe ~~and~~
16 ~~furnish~~ all forms to be used by property appraisers, tax
17 collectors, clerks of the circuit court, and value adjustment
18 boards in administering and collecting ad valorem taxes. The
19 department shall prescribe a form for each purpose. For
20 counties with a population of 100,000 or fewer, the Department
21 of Revenue shall furnish the forms. For counties with a
22 population greater than 100,000, the county officer shall
23 reproduce forms for distribution at the expense of his or her
24 office.A county officer may use a form other than the form
25 prescribed by the department, ~~but only at the expense of his~~
26 ~~or her office and~~ upon obtaining written permission from the
27 executive director of the department; ~~however, provided that~~
28 no county officer shall use a form the substantive content of
29 which is at variance with the form prescribed by the
30 department for the same or a similar purpose. If the executive
31 director finds good cause to grant such permission he or she

1 may do so. The county officer may continue to use such
2 approved form until the law which specifies the form is
3 amended or repealed or until the officer receives written
4 disapproval from the executive director. Otherwise, all such
5 officers and their employees shall use the forms, and follow
6 the instructions applicable to the forms, which are prescribed
7 ~~furnished to them~~ by the department. The department, upon
8 request of any property appraiser or, in any event, at least
9 once every 3 years, shall prescribe and furnish such aerial
10 photographs and nonproperty ownership maps to the property
11 appraisers as are necessary to ensure that all real property
12 within the state is properly listed on the roll. All forms
13 and maps furnished by the department shall be paid for by the
14 department as provided by law. All forms and maps and
15 instructions relating to their use shall be substantially
16 uniform throughout the state. An officer may employ
17 supplemental forms and maps, at the expense of his or her
18 office, which he or she deems expedient for the purpose of
19 administering and collecting ad valorem taxes. The forms
20 required in ss. 193.461(3)(a) and 196.011(1) for renewal
21 purposes shall require sufficient information for the property
22 appraiser to evaluate the changes in use since the prior year.
23 If the property appraiser determines, in the case of a
24 taxpayer, that he or she has insufficient current information
25 upon which to approve the exemption, or if the information on
26 the renewal form is inadequate for him or her to evaluate the
27 taxable status of the property, he or she may require the
28 resubmission of an original application.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 388

1. Substantially amends s. 195.022, F.S., to modify the manner in which ad valorem tax forms are provided to counties by the Department of Revenue.
2. Eliminates the requirement for the Department of Revenue to furnish forms to counties with populations of more than 100,000 persons.