

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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 WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Local & Federal Affairs  
 2 Committee

3 Representatives Fresen and Gonzalez offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

6 Remove lines 37-48 and insert:

7 (g) An ~~the~~ individual, agent, or legal entity may become  
 8 ~~that signs the petition becomes~~ an agent of the taxpayer for the  
 9 purpose of serving process to obtain personal jurisdiction over  
 10 the taxpayer for all ~~the entire~~ value adjustment board  
 11 proceedings, including any appeals of a board decision by the  
 12 property appraiser pursuant to s. 194.036, if the taxpayer  
 13 provides written authorization to the individual, agent, or  
 14 legal entity.

15 (4)

16 (b) No later than 7 days before the hearing, if the  
 17 petitioner has provided the information required under paragraph

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18 (a), and if requested in writing by the petitioner, the property  
19 appraiser shall provide to the petitioner a list of evidence to  
20 be presented at the hearing, together with copies of all  
21 documentation to be considered by the value adjustment board and  
22 a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses. The evidence  
23 list must contain the property appraiser's property record card  
24 ~~if provided by the clerk~~. Failure of the property appraiser to  
25 timely comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall  
26 result in a rescheduling of the hearing.

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

29 194.032 Hearing purposes; timetable.-

30 (2) (a) The clerk of the governing body of the county shall  
31 prepare a schedule of appearances before the board based on  
32 petitions timely filed with him or her. The clerk shall notify  
33 each petitioner of the scheduled time of his or her appearance  
34 at least 25 calendar days before the day of the scheduled  
35 appearance. The notice must indicate whether the petition has  
36 been scheduled to be heard at a particular time or during a  
37 block of time. If the petition has been scheduled to be heard  
38 within a block of time, the beginning and ending of that block  
39 of time must be indicated on the notice; ~~however, as provided in~~  
40 ~~paragraph (b), a petitioner may not be required to wait for more~~  
41 ~~than a reasonable time, not to exceed 2 hours, after the~~  
42 ~~beginning of the block of time~~. If the petitioner checked the  
43 appropriate box on the petition form to request a copy of the

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44 property record card containing relevant information used in  
45 computing the current assessment, the property appraiser must  
46 provide the copy to the petitioner upon receipt of the petition  
47 from the clerk regardless of whether the petitioner initiates  
48 evidence exchange, unless the property record card is available  
49 online from the property appraiser. ~~Upon receipt of the notice,~~  
50 ~~the petitioner may reschedule the hearing a single time by~~  
51 ~~submitting to the clerk a written request to reschedule, at~~  
52 ~~least 5 calendar days before the day of the originally scheduled~~  
53 ~~hearing.~~

54 (b) A request to reschedule a hearing by either party may  
55 be denied by the board or the board's designee if the hearing  
56 has twice previously been rescheduled.

57 (c) ~~(b)~~ A petitioner may not be required to wait for more  
58 than a reasonable time, not to exceed 2 hours, after the  
59 scheduled time for the hearing to commence. If the hearing is  
60 not commenced within 2 hours after the scheduled time ~~that time,~~  
61 the petitioner may inform the clerk ~~chairperson of the meeting~~  
62 that he or she intends to leave. If the petitioner leaves, the  
63 clerk shall reschedule the hearing, and the rescheduling is not  
64 considered to be a request to reschedule as provided in  
65 paragraph (b) ~~(a)~~.

66 (d) ~~(e)~~ Failure on three occasions with respect to any  
67 single tax year to convene at the scheduled time of meetings of  
68 the board is grounds for removal from office by the Governor for  
69 neglect of duties.

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**D I R E C T O R Y   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 16 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (f), and (g) of subsection (3)

and

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 11 and insert:

under certain circumstances; authorizing an individual, agent, or legal entity to become an agent of a taxpayer for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the taxpayer for value adjustment board proceedings if certain criteria are met; amending s. 194.032, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing the petitioner to obtain one rescheduling of a hearing as a matter of course upon providing proper notice; authorizing the value adjustment board or the board's designee to deny a request to reschedule a value adjustment board hearing under certain circumstances; authorizing petitioners to notify the clerk and leave if a hearing does not commence within a specified period; providing an effective