

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to renewable energy source devices;
 3 amending s. 193.624, F.S.; prohibiting consideration
 4 by a property appraiser of the increased value of real
 5 property due to the installation of a renewable energy
 6 source device by an end-use customer; revising the
 7 definition of the term "renewable energy source
 8 device"; providing for applicability; providing a
 9 contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 193.624, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

193.624 Assessment of real ~~residential~~ property.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "renewable energy source device" means any of the following equipment installed by an end-use customer that collects, transmits, stores, or uses solar energy, wind energy, or energy derived from geothermal deposits and that is primarily intended to offset part or all of that end-use customer's electricity demands:

- (a) Solar energy collectors, photovoltaic modules, and inverters.
- (b) Storage tanks and other storage systems, excluding swimming pools used as storage tanks.
- (c) Rockbeds.

- 27 (d) Thermostats and other control devices.
- 28 (e) Heat exchange devices.
- 29 (f) Pumps and fans.
- 30 (g) Roof ponds.
- 31 (h) Freestanding thermal containers.
- 32 (i) Pipes, ducts, refrigerant handling systems, and other
 33 equipment used to interconnect such systems; however, such
 34 equipment does not include conventional backup systems of any
 35 type.
- 36 (j) Windmills and wind turbines.
- 37 (k) Wind-driven generators.
- 38 (l) Power conditioning and storage devices that use wind
 39 energy to generate electricity or mechanical forms of energy.
- 40 (m) Pipes and other equipment used to transmit hot
 41 geothermal water to a dwelling or structure from a geothermal
 42 deposit.
- 43 (2) In determining the assessed value of real property
 44 ~~used for residential purposes~~, an increase in the just value of
 45 the property attributable to the installation of a renewable
 46 energy source device may not be considered.
- 47 (3) This section applies to new and existing residential
 48 real property upon which the installation of a renewable energy
 49 source device was installed on or after January 1, 2013, and to
 50 all other real property as set forth in this section upon which
 51 such a device is installed on or after January 1, 2015 ~~to new~~
 52 ~~and existing residential real property.~~

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53 Section 2. The amendments made by this act to s. 193.624,
54 Florida Statutes, apply to assessments beginning January 1,
55 2015.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015, if
57 HJR 825, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the
58 same specific intent and purpose, is approved by the electors at
59 the general election to be held in November 2014 or at an
60 earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that
61 purpose.