

By Senator Brandes

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

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

15 193.624 Assessment of real ~~residential~~ property.-

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

22 (a) Solar energy collectors, photovoltaic modules, and
23 inverters.

24 (b) Storage tanks and other storage systems, excluding
25 swimming pools used as storage tanks.

26 (c) Rockbeds.

27 (d) Thermostats and other control devices.

28 (e) Heat exchange devices.

29 (f) Pumps and fans.

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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 ~~used~~
44 ~~for residential purposes~~, an increase in the just value of the
45 property attributable to the installation of a renewable energy
46 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~~.

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 SJR ____, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the
58 same specific intent and purpose, is approved by the electors at

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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.