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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to property appraisers; amending s.
3 195.087, F.S.; specifying that a property appraiser's
4 operating budget is final and shall be funded by the
5 county commission once the Department of Revenue makes
6 its final budget amendments; specifying that the
7 county commission remains obligated to fund the
8 department's final property appraiser's operating
9 budget during the pendency of an appeal to the
10 Administration Commission; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 195.087, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 195.087 Property appraisers and tax collectors to submit
18 budgets to Department of Revenue.—

19 (1) (a) On or before June 1 of each year, every property
20 appraiser, regardless of the form of county government, shall
21 submit to the Department of Revenue a budget for the operation
22 of the property appraiser's office for the ensuing fiscal year
23 beginning October 1. The property appraiser shall submit his or
24 her budget in the manner and form required by the department. A
25 copy of such budget shall be furnished at the same time to the
26 board of county commissioners. The department shall, upon proper

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27 notice to the county commission and property appraiser, review
28 the budget request and may amend or change the budget request as
29 it deems necessary, in order that the budget be neither
30 inadequate nor excessive. On or before July 15, the department
31 shall notify the property appraiser and the board of county
32 commissioners of its tentative budget amendments and changes.
33 Before ~~Prior to~~ August 15, the property appraiser and the board
34 of county commissioners may submit additional information or
35 testimony to the department respecting the budget. On or before
36 August 15, the department shall make its final budget amendments
37 or changes to the budget and shall provide notice thereof to the
38 property appraiser and board of county commissioners. Once the
39 department makes its final budget amendments, the budget is
40 final and shall be funded by the county commission pursuant to
41 s. 192.091.

42 (b) The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the
43 Administration Commission, may hear appeals from the final
44 action of the department upon a written request being filed by
45 the property appraiser or the presiding officer of the county
46 commission no later than 15 days after the conclusion of the
47 hearing held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(d). The filing of an
48 appeal does not relieve the county commission of its obligation
49 to fund the department-approved final budget during the pendency
50 of the appeal. The Administration Commission may amend the
51 budget if it finds that any aspect of the budget is unreasonable
52 in light of the workload of the office of the property appraiser

53 in the county under review. The budget request as approved by
54 the department and as amended by the commission shall become the
55 operating budget of the property appraiser for the ensuing
56 fiscal year beginning October 1, except that the budget so
57 approved may subsequently be amended under the same procedure.
58 After final approval, the property appraiser shall make no
59 transfer of funds between accounts without the written approval
60 of the department. However, all moneys received by property
61 appraisers in complying with chapter 119 shall be accounted for
62 in the same manner as provided for in s. 218.36, for moneys
63 received as county fees and commissions, and any such moneys may
64 be used and expended in the same manner and to the same extent
65 as funds budgeted for the office and no budget amendment shall
66 be required.

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.