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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Baxley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 53 - 91
and insert:
the petition late. A late-filed petition must be filed within 55 days after the mailing of the notice by the property appraiser.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 194.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

194.032 Hearing purposes; timetable.—

(2) (a) The clerk of the governing body of the county shall



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11 prepare a schedule of appearances before the board based on
12 petitions timely filed with him or her. The clerk shall notify
13 each petitioner of the scheduled time of his or her appearance
14 at least 25 calendar days before the day of the scheduled
15 appearance. The notice must indicate whether the petition has
16 been scheduled to be heard at a particular time or during a
17 block of time. If the petition has been scheduled to be heard
18 within a block of time, the beginning and ending of that block
19 of time must be indicated on the notice; however, as provided in
20 paragraph (b), a petitioner may not be required to wait for more
21 than a reasonable time, not to exceed 2 hours, after the
22 beginning of the block of time. The property appraiser must
23 provide a copy of the property record card containing
24 information relevant to the computation of the current
25 assessment, with confidential information redacted, to the
26 petitioner upon receipt of the petition from the clerk
27 regardless of whether the petitioner initiates evidence
28 exchange, unless the property record card is available online
29 from the property appraiser, in which case the property
30 appraiser must notify the petitioner that the property record
31 card is available online. The petitioner and the property
32 appraiser may each reschedule the hearing a single time for good
33 cause. As used in this paragraph, the term "good cause" means
34 circumstances beyond the control of the person seeking to
35 reschedule the hearing which reasonably prevent the party from
36 having adequate representation at the hearing. However, for a
37 county in which the number of petitions filed exceeds 5,000 in
38 any year, the term does not include being scheduled for two
39 separate hearings in different jurisdictions at the same time or



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40 on the same date, unless the hearings involve the same
41 petitioner or property appraiser and the petitioner agrees to
42 reschedule the hearing. If the hearing is rescheduled by the
43 petitioner or the property appraiser, the clerk shall notify the
44 petitioner of the rescheduled time of his or her appearance at
45 least 15 calendar days before the day of the rescheduled
46 appearance, unless this notice is waived by both parties. For
47 counties in which the number of petitions filed exceeds 5,000 in
48 any year, before the value adjustment board begins its hearings
49 for the year, the clerk may request that the property appraiser
50 and the petitioner identify up to 10 business days each on which
51 he or she is unavailable for hearing.

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete line 10

56 and insert:

57 circumstances in certain counties; authorizing clerks
58 of county governing bodies of such counties, within a
59 certain timeframe, to request property appraisers and
60 petitioners to identify certain dates of
61 unavailability for hearing; providing an effective
62 date.