



HB 2247

Property Tax Delinquent Interest Waiver

Background

Property tax is due to county collectors in installments of one-third, on November 15, February 15, and May 15 each property tax year. Delinquent property taxes accrue interest at the rate of one and one-third percent monthly. A portion of the delinquent interest is distributed to the County Assessment Function Funding Account (CAFFA). Ten percent of CAFFA is retained by the Department of Revenue for its own assessment functions, and the rest is distributed to counties.

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The bill would allow a county governing body to adopt an ordinance or resolution saying a county assessor *may* waive penalties and interest for delinquencies substantially due to the effects of COVID-19 or 2020 wildfires and would be effective for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 tax years. In addition to impacting revenue for counties and other tax districts, there would be some impact on the Department of Revenue.

The bill does not provide guidelines for how the county official should determine whether to grant waiver requests.

Recommendation

Amend the bill to require that ordinances or resolutions adopted per the bill provide clear objective criteria for deciding whether to grant waiver requests.

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