FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE BILL NO. 4

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAPPELL.

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.180 and 137.355, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to real property valuation assessments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 137.180 and 137.355, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.180, 137.182, and 137.355, to read as follows:

137.180. 1. Whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property he shall forthwith notify the record owner of such increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the landowner shall so state.

6 2. Effective January 1, 2009, for all counties with a charter form of government, other 7 than any county adopting a charter form of government after January 1, 2008, whenever any assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the 8 record owner on or before June fifteenth of such increase and, in a year of general 9 10 reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; 11 12 every such increase in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by 13 the county board of equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the 14 notice to the landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor. 15

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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16 3. For all calendar years prior to the first day of January of the year following receipt 17 of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under subsections 18 4 and 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for any county not subject to the 19 provisions of subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any 20 assessor shall increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the 21 record owner on or before June fifteenth of the previous assessed value and such increase 22 either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address and include in such notice a 23 statement indicating that the change in assessed value may impact the record owner's tax 24 liability and provide all processes and deadlines for appealing determinations of the assessed value of such property. Such notice shall be provided in a font and format sufficient to alert a 25 record owner of the potential impact upon tax liability and the appellate processes available. 26

27 4. Effective January first of the year following receipt of software necessary for the 28 implementation of the requirements provided under this subsection and subsection 5 of this section from the state tax commission, for all counties not subject to the provisions of 29 30 subsection 2 of this section or subsection 2 of section 137.355, whenever any assessor shall 31 increase the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner 32 on or before June fifteenth of such increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county 33 shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase, either in person, or by mail directed to the last known address; every such increase 34 35 in assessed valuation made by the assessor shall be subject to review by the county board of 36 equalization whereat the landowner shall be entitled to be heard, and the notice to the 37 landowner shall so state. Notice of the projected tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the assessor. 38

5. The notice of projected tax liability, required under subsections 2 and 4 of this section, from the county shall include:

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(1) The record owner's name, address, and the parcel number of the property;

42 (2) A list of all political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record 43 owner;

44 (3) The projected tax rate for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the 45 property of the record owner, and the purpose for each levy of such political subdivisions;

46 (4) The previous year's tax rates for each individual tax levy imposed by each47 political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;

48 (5) The tax rate ceiling for each levy imposed by each political subdivision levying a49 tax upon the property of the record owner;

50 (6) The contact information for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the 51 property of the record owner;

52 (7) A statement identifying any projected tax rates for political subdivisions levying a 53 tax upon the property of the record owner, which were not calculated and provided by the 54 political subdivision levying the tax; and

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(8) The total projected property tax liability of the taxpayer.

56 6. In addition to the requirements provided under subsections 1, 2, and 5 of this 57 section, effective January 1, 2011, in any county with a charter form of government and with 58 more than one million inhabitants, whenever any assessor shall notify a record owner of any 59 change in assessed value, such assessor shall provide notice that information regarding the 60 specific assessment method and the basis of the computation of value for such property is available on the assessor's website and provide the exact website address at which such 61 information may be accessed. Such notification shall provide the assessor's contact 62 63 information to enable taxpayers without internet access to request and receive information 64 regarding the assessment method and computation of value for such property. If any thirdparty documents, reports, or other data were relied upon by the assessor in the 65 computation of assessed value, the same shall be disclosed to the record owner on the 66 67 assessor's website.

137.182. 1. Except as provided under sections 137.017 and 137.021, and 2 notwithstanding section 137.115 or any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning 3 January 1, 2026, the true value in money of all residential real property maintained and 4 used by the owner as a primary residence for assessment purposes shall be the same 5 value determined at the most recent previous assessment of the property as determined 6 on or before December 31, 2025, subject to the following:

7 (1) For all residential real property maintained and used by the owner as a primary residence that is bought, transferred, sold, assigned, or otherwise conveyed on 8 or after January 1, 2026, the true value in money of such property for assessment 9 10 purposes shall not exceed the most recent purchase price of such real property. Such true value in money shall be the true value in money for all subsequent assessments until 11 12 the next sale of such property, or the conditions under subdivision (2) of this subsection 13 are met, subject to the provisions of section 137.082 and the provisions of subsections 3 14 and 4 of this section; or

15 (2) For all assessments of residential real property maintained and used by the 16 owner as a primary residence on or after January 1, 2026, the assessed valuation of such 17 property may be increased from the assessed valuation of such property determined at 18 its most recent previous assessment or the assessed value at the most recent time of sale 19 under subdivision (1) of this subsection but only to the extent that such an increase 20 reflects the value added to the property as a result of new construction or improvements 21 made to the property where the added value equals a fifty-percent increase or greater in

the assessed valuation of the property. The assessor shall establish a new assessed valuation, which shall be the true value in money for all subsequent assessments until the conditions under this subdivision are met again or the next sale of such property under subdivision (1) of this subsection, subject to the provisions of section 137.082 and the provisions of subsections 3 and 4 of this section.

27 2. If a transaction under this subsection results in a sale that is below market 28 value, the assessor shall provide evidence to the board of equalization or other 29 equivalent entity that such sale price should not be used to determine the new true value 30 in money for assessment purposes.

31 **3.** The owner shall notify the assessor of such new construction or improvements 32 so that a reassessment can be made.

4. Participation in the assessed valuation provisions under this subsection is optional. An owner electing to participate in the assessed valuation provisions under this subsection may opt in by notifying the assessor's office of such election. If such election is not made, the residential real property maintained and used by the owner as a primary residence shall be assessed under the assessment process in existence on or before December 31, 2025.

5. The provisions of this section shall not affect the ability of any county assessor to carry out any other duties under this chapter or local or general law.

137.355. 1. If an assessor increases the valuation of any tangible personal property as estimated in the itemized list furnished to the assessor, and if an assessor increases the valuation of any real property, he shall forthwith notify the record owner of the increase either in person or by mail directed to the last known address, and if the address of the owner is unknown notice shall be given by publication in two newspapers published in the county.

6 2. For all calendar years prior to the first day of January of the year following receipt 7 of software necessary for the implementation of the requirements provided under subsections 8 3 and 4 of this section from the state tax commission, whenever any assessor shall increase 9 the valuation of any real property, he or she shall forthwith notify the record owner on or 10 before June fifteenth of the previous assessed value and such increase either in person, or by 11 mail directed to the last known address and include on the face of such notice, in no less than 12 twelve-point font, the following statement:

19 3. Effective January first of the year following receipt of software necessary for the 20 implementation of the requirements provided under this subsection and subsection 4 of this 21 section from the state tax commission, if an assessor increases the valuation of any real 22 property, the assessor, on or before June fifteenth, shall notify the record owner of the 23 increase and, in a year of general reassessment, the county shall notify the record owner of the projected tax liability likely to result from such an increase either in person or by mail 24 25 directed to the last known address, and, if the address of the owner is unknown, notice shall be given by publication in two newspapers published in the county. Notice of the projected 26 27 tax liability from the county shall accompany the notice of increased valuation from the 28 assessor.

4. The notice of projected tax liability, required under subsection 3 of this section,from the county shall include:

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(1) Record owner's name, address, and the parcel number of the property;

32 (2) A list of all political subdivisions levying a tax upon the property of the record33 owner;

34 (3) The projected tax rate for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the 35 property of the record owner, and the purpose for each levy of such political subdivisions;

36 (4) The previous year's tax rates for each individual tax levy imposed by each37 political subdivision levying a tax upon the property of the record owner;

(5) The tax rate ceiling for each levy imposed by each political subdivision levying atax upon the property of the record owner;

40 (6) The contact information for each political subdivision levying a tax upon the 41 property of the record owner;

42 (7) A statement identifying any projected tax rates for political subdivisions levying a 43 tax upon the property of the record owner, which were not calculated and provided by the 44 political subdivision levying the tax; and

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(8) The total projected property tax liability of the taxpayer.

46 5. Whenever any assessor shall notify a record owner of any increase in assessed value as required by subsection 3 of this section, such assessor shall provide notice that 47 information regarding the specific assessment method and the basis of the computation 48 49 of value for such property is available on the assessor's website, and shall provide the exact website address at which such information may be accessed. Such notification 50 51 shall provide the assessor's contact information to enable taxpayers without internet access to request and receive information regarding the assessment method and 52 53 computation of value for such property. If any third-party documents, reports, or other

54 data were relied upon by the assessor in the computation of assessed value, the same 55 shall be disclosed to the record owner on the assessor's website.