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S 1028 General Bill, By McConnell, Leatherman, Thomas, Hayes, Martin, Short, Alexander, Richardson, Ritchie, Sheheen, Campsen, Williams, Knotts, Courson, Mescher and Ford

Summary: Property Tax Assessment Reform Act

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 12, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 IN CHAPTER 37, ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM ACT", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPERTY TAX THAT LIMITS THE INCREASE IN TAXABLE VALUE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD UNLESS AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE METHOD THAT IS VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT FAIR MARKET VALUE WITH ASSESSMENT EVERY FIVE YEARS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL PROPOSE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR KNOWINGLY FALSIFYING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-1210, RELATING TO THE INITIATIVE METHOD OF ENACTING COUNTY ORDINANCES, SO AS TO ALLOW THIS PROCESS TO INCLUDE ORDINANCES ENACTING A REAL PROPERTY VALUATION METHOD PERMITTED BY THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-50, RELATING TO FINANCIAL REPORTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, ECONOMIC RESEARCH SECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-223A, RELATING TO THE COUNTY OPTION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION LIMITING INCREASES IN VALUE DUE TO REASSESSMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-210, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF AND VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO CONFORM VALUATION REFERENCES FOR REAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-217, RELATING TO QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT, SO AS TO ALLOW PORTIONS OF A COUNTY TO BE REASSESSED AS A "ROLLING" REASSESSMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY, SO AS TO CONFORM THE LANGUAGE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX NOTICES, SO AS TO ALLOW THAT IN YEARS IN WHICH THERE IS NO NOTICE OF A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT, A TAXPAYER MAY PROTEST THE ASSESSMENT VALUE NINETY DAYS AFTER THE TAX NOTICE IS MAILED.

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