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House Bill 5860 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Patricia Birkholz
House Committee: Tax Policy
Senate Committee: Finance

CONTENT

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to allow a local tax collecting unit to use a computerized data base system as the tax roll if any of the following applied:

- The local unit obtained written authorization from the State Tax Commission.
- The county treasurer obtained written authorization from the State Tax Commission for use of an approved computerized data base system by the county treasurer or local tax collecting units within the county.
- The State Tax Commission failed to authorize or deny, within 120 days, a written request from a county treasurer or a local tax collecting unit to use a computerized data base system as the tax roll.

Currently, a local tax collecting unit may use a computerized data base as the tax roll only if the local unit obtains written authorization from both the State Tax Commission and the State Treasurer. The bill would replace this provision, as described above.

The bill states that these provisions could not be constructed to prohibit a local tax collecting unit from seeking authorization from the State Tax Commission to use a computerized data base system developed by the local tax collecting unit.

In addition, the bill would revise language requiring assessors (as a condition of authorization to use a computerized data base system) to maintain printed precollection tax rolls, parcel splits and combinations, and corrections and adjustments to the precollection tax rolls. Currently, printed precollection tax rolls and parcel splits and combinations must be maintained until the expiration of the redemption period following the May tax sale, and printouts of corrections and adjustments must be maintained until the redemption period expires or all pending appeals are resolved, whichever is later. Under the bill, assessors would have to maintain all of these documents until the expiration of the redemption period following the entry of a judgment foreclosing property forfeited for delinquent taxes, or the resolution of all pending appeals, whichever was later.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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