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Amend SS/Senate Bill No. 105, Page 1, Section Title, Lines 3-4,

- 2 by striking "the assessment of real property" and inserting 3 in lieu thereof the following: "the assessment of 4 property"; and Further amend said bill and page, Section A, line 3, by 5 inserting after all of said line the following: 6 7 "137.073. 1. As used in this section, the following 8 terms mean: 9 (1) "General reassessment", changes in value, entered in the assessor's books, of a substantial portion of the 10 parcels of real property within a county resulting wholly or 11 partly from reappraisal of value or other actions of the 12 assessor or county equalization body or ordered by the state 13 tax commission or any court; 14 15 "Tax rate", "rate", or "rate of levy", singular or plural, includes the tax rate for each purpose of taxation 16 of property a taxing authority is authorized to levy without 17 a vote and any tax rate authorized by election, including 18 bond interest and sinking fund; 19
- 20 (3) "Tax rate ceiling", a tax rate as revised by the
- 21 taxing authority to comply with the provisions of this
- 22 section or when a court has determined the tax rate; except
- 23 that, other provisions of law to the contrary
- 24 notwithstanding, a school district may levy the operating
- 25 levy for school purposes required for the current year
- pursuant to subsection 2 of section 163.021, less all

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    adjustments required pursuant to Article X, Section 22 of
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    the Missouri Constitution, if such tax rate does not exceed
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    the highest tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax
           This is the maximum tax rate that may be levied,
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    unless a higher tax rate ceiling is approved by voters of
    the political subdivision as provided in this section;
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              "Tax revenue", when referring to the previous
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    year, means the actual receipts from ad valorem levies on
    all classes of property, including state-assessed property,
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    in the immediately preceding fiscal year of the political
    subdivision, plus an allowance for taxes billed but not
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    allowance for the revenue which would have been collected
    from property which was annexed by such political
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    subdivision but which was not previously used in determining
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    tax revenue pursuant to this section. The term "tax
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    revenue" shall not include any receipts from ad valorem
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    levies on any property of a railroad corporation or a public
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    utility, as these terms are defined in section 386.020,
    which were assessed by the assessor of a county or city in
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    the previous year but are assessed by the state tax
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    commission in the current year. All school districts and
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    those counties levying sales taxes pursuant to chapter 67
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    shall include in the calculation of tax revenue an amount
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    as a result of sales tax pursuant to section 67.505 and
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    section 164.013 or as excess home dock city or county fees
    as provided in subsection 4 of section 313.820 in the
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    immediately preceding fiscal year but not including any
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    amount calculated to adjust for prior years. For purposes
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    of political subdivisions which were authorized to levy a
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    tax in the prior year but which did not levy such tax or
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- relation to the revision of tax levies mandated by law,
 shall mean the revenues equal to the amount that would have
 been available if the voluntary rate reduction had not been
 made.
- 2. Whenever changes in assessed valuation are entered 64 in the assessor's books for any personal property, in the 65 66 aggregate, or for any subclass of real property as such 67 subclasses are established in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section 137.016, 68 69 the county clerk in all counties and the assessor of St. Louis City shall notify each political subdivision wholly or 70 partially within the county or St. Louis City of the change 71 72 in valuation of each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, 73 74 exclusive of new construction and improvements. political subdivisions shall immediately revise the 75 76 applicable rates of levy for each purpose for each subclass 77 of real property, individually, and personal property, in 78 the aggregate, for which taxes are levied to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable property, exclusive of 79 new construction and improvements, substantially the same 80 amount of tax revenue as was produced in the previous year 81 for each subclass of real property, individually, and 82 personal property, in the aggregate, except that the rate 83 shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-84 85 approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as 86 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section. Any political subdivision that has received 87 88 approval from voters for a tax increase after August 27, 89 2008, may levy a rate to collect substantially the same 90 amount of tax revenue as the amount of revenue that would have been derived by applying the voter-approved increased 91

tax rate ceiling to the total assessed valuation of the

93 political subdivision as most recently certified by the city 94 or county clerk on or before the date of the election in 95 which such increase is approved, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law, 96 97 except that the rate shall not exceed the greater of the 98 most recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-99 approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of 100 subsection 5 of this section. Such tax revenue shall not 101 include any receipts from ad valorem levies on any real 102 property which was assessed by the assessor of a county or 103 city in such previous year but is assessed by the assessor 104 of a county or city in the current year in a different 105 subclass of real property. Where the taxing authority is a 106 school district for the purposes of revising the applicable 107 rates of levy for each subclass of real property, the tax 108 revenues from state-assessed railroad and utility property shall be apportioned and attributed to each subclass of real 109 110 property based on the percentage of the total assessed 111 valuation of the county that each subclass of real property represents in the current taxable year. As provided in 112 Section 22 of Article X of the constitution, a political 113 subdivision may also revise each levy to allow for 114 inflationary assessment growth occurring within the 115 116 political subdivision. The inflationary growth factor for 117 any such subclass of real property or personal property 118 shall be limited to the actual assessment growth in such subclass or class, exclusive of new construction and 119 improvements, and exclusive of the assessed value on any 120 121 real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county 122 or city in the current year in a different subclass of real property, but not to exceed the consumer price index or five 123 percent, whichever is lower. Should the tax revenue of a 124 125 political subdivision from the various tax rates determined

126 in this subsection be different than the tax revenue that 127 would have been determined from a single tax rate as 128 calculated pursuant to the method of calculation in this subsection prior to January 1, 2003, then the political 129 130 subdivision shall revise the tax rates of those subclasses 131 of real property, individually, and/or personal property, in 132 the aggregate, in which there is a tax rate reduction, 133 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. 134 revision shall yield an amount equal to such difference and 135 shall be apportioned among such subclasses of real property, individually, and/or personal property, in the aggregate, 136 based on the relative assessed valuation of the class or 137 138 subclasses of property experiencing a tax rate reduction. 139 Such revision in the tax rates of each class or subclass 140 shall be made by computing the percentage of current year adjusted assessed valuation of each class or subclass with a 141 142 tax rate reduction to the total current year adjusted assessed valuation of the class or subclasses with a tax 143 144 rate reduction, multiplying the resulting percentages by the revenue difference between the single rate calculation and 145 the calculations pursuant to this subsection and dividing by 146 the respective adjusted current year assessed valuation of 147 each class or subclass to determine the adjustment to the 148 149 rate to be levied upon each class or subclass of property. 150 The adjustment computed herein shall be multiplied by one 151 hundred, rounded to four decimals in the manner provided in 152 this subsection, and added to the initial rate computed for each class or subclass of property. For school districts 153 154 that levy separate tax rates on each subclass of real 155 property and personal property in the aggregate, if voters approved a ballot before January 1, 2011, that presented 156 separate stated tax rates to be applied to the different 157 158 subclasses of real property and personal property in the

- 159 aggregate, or increases the separate rates that may be 160 levied on the different subclasses of real property and 161 personal property in the aggregate by different amounts, the tax rate that shall be used for the single tax rate 162 163 calculation shall be a blended rate, calculated in the 164 manner provided under subdivision (1) of subsection 6 of 165 this section. Notwithstanding any provision of this 166 subsection to the contrary, no revision to the rate of levy for personal property shall cause such levy to increase over 167 168 the levy for personal property from the prior year. 169 3. (1) Where the taxing authority is a school district, it shall be required to revise the rates of levy 170 171 to the extent necessary to produce from all taxable 172 property, including state-assessed railroad and utility 173 property, which shall be separately estimated in addition to 174 other data required in complying with section 164.011, 175 substantially the amount of tax revenue permitted in this section. In the year following tax rate reduction, the tax 176 177 rate ceiling may be adjusted to offset such district's reduction in the apportionment of state school moneys due to 178 179 its reduced tax rate. However, in the event any school 180 district, in calculating a tax rate ceiling pursuant to this 181 section, requiring the estimating of effects of state-182 assessed railroad and utility valuation or loss of state 183 aid, discovers that the estimates used result in receipt of 184 excess revenues, which would have required a lower rate if 185 the actual information had been known, the school district shall reduce the tax rate ceiling in the following year to 186 compensate for the excess receipts, and the recalculated 187 188 rate shall become the tax rate ceiling for purposes of this section. 189
 - (2) For any political subdivision which experiences a reduction in the amount of assessed valuation relating to a

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- prior year, due to decisions of the state tax commission or a court pursuant to sections 138.430 to 138.433, or due to clerical errors or corrections in the calculation or recordation of any assessed valuation:
- 196 Such political subdivision may revise the tax rate 197 ceiling for each purpose it levies taxes to compensate for 198 the reduction in assessed value occurring after the 199 political subdivision calculated the tax rate ceiling for 200 the particular subclass of real property or for personal 201 property, in the aggregate, in a prior year. Such revision 202 by the political subdivision shall be made at the time of 203 the next calculation of the tax rate for the particular 204 subclass of real property or for personal property, in the 205 aggregate, after the reduction in assessed valuation has 206 been determined and shall be calculated in a manner that 207 results in the revised tax rate ceiling being the same as it 208 would have been had the corrected or finalized assessment 209 been available at the time of the prior calculation;
 - (b) In addition, for up to three years following the determination of the reduction in assessed valuation as a result of circumstances defined in this subdivision, such political subdivision may levy a tax rate for each purpose it levies taxes above the revised tax rate ceiling provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision to recoup any revenues it was entitled to receive had the corrected or finalized assessment been available at the time of the prior calculation.

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4. (1) In order to implement the provisions of this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri, the term improvements shall apply to both real and personal property. In order to determine the value of new construction and improvements, each county assessor shall maintain a record of real property valuations in such a

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     manner as to identify each year the increase in valuation
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     taxes pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, sections
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     135.200 to 135.255, and section 353.110 shall be included in
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     and payment of all ad valorem taxes. Except for increases
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     in the assessed value of motor vehicles as determined
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     pursuant to subsection 9 of section 137.115, the aggregate
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     property. Any increase in the value of a motor vehicle from
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     the assessor shall certify the amount of new construction
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     real property which was assessed by the assessor of a county
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258 calculating tax rates pursuant to this section and Section 259 22, Article X, Constitution of Missouri. In addition, the 260 state tax commission shall certify each year to each county clerk the increase in the general price level as measured by 261 262 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the 263 United States, or its successor publications, as defined and 264 officially reported by the United States Department of 265 Labor, or its successor agency. The state tax commission shall certify the increase in such index on the latest 266 267 twelve-month basis available on February first of each year over the immediately preceding prior twelve-month period in 268 order that political subdivisions shall have this 269 information available in setting their tax rates according 270 to law and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 271 272 Missouri. For purposes of implementing the provisions of this section and Section 22 of Article X of the Missouri 273 274 Constitution, the term "property" means all taxable 275 property, including state-assessed property. 276 Each political subdivision required to revise rates of levy pursuant to this section or Section 22 of 277 278 Article X of the Constitution of Missouri shall calculate 279 each tax rate it is authorized to levy and, in establishing 280 each tax rate, shall consider each provision for tax rate 281 revision provided in this section and Section 22 of Article 282 X of the Constitution of Missouri, separately and without 283 regard to annual tax rate reductions provided in section 67.505 and section 164.013. Each political subdivision 284 shall set each tax rate it is authorized to levy using the 285 calculation that produces the lowest tax rate ceiling. 286 287 is further the intent of the general assembly, pursuant to the authority of Section 10(c) of Article X of the 288 Constitution of Missouri, that the provisions of such 289

section be applicable to tax rate revisions mandated

291 pursuant to Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 292 Missouri as to reestablishing tax rates as revised in 293 subsequent years, enforcement provisions, and other 294 provisions not in conflict with Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of Missouri. Annual tax rate reductions 295 296 provided in section 67.505 and section 164.013 shall be 297 applied to the tax rate as established pursuant to this 298 section and Section 22 of Article X of the Constitution of 299 Missouri, unless otherwise provided by law.

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- 5. (1) In all political subdivisions, the tax rate ceiling established pursuant to this section shall not be increased unless approved by a vote of the people. Approval of the higher tax rate shall be by at least a majority of votes cast. When a proposed higher tax rate requires approval by more than a simple majority pursuant to any provision of law or the constitution, the tax rate increase must receive approval by at least the majority required.
- 308 When voters approve an increase in the tax rate, 309 the amount of the increase shall be added to the tax rate ceiling as calculated pursuant to this section to the extent 310 the total rate does not exceed any maximum rate prescribed 311 312 by law. If a ballot question presents a stated tax rate for approval rather than describing the amount of increase in 313 314 the question, the stated tax rate approved shall be adjusted 315 as provided in this section and, so adjusted, shall be the 316 current tax rate ceiling. The increased tax rate ceiling as approved shall be adjusted such that when applied to the 317 current total assessed valuation of the political 318 subdivision, excluding new construction and improvements 319 320 since the date of the election approving such increase, the 321 revenue derived from the adjusted tax rate ceiling is equal 322 to the sum of: the amount of revenue which would have been 323 derived by applying the voter-approved increased tax rate

- 324 ceiling to total assessed valuation of the political 325 subdivision, as most recently certified by the city or 326 county clerk on or before the date of the election in which 327 such increase is approved, increased by the percentage 328 increase in the consumer price index, as provided by law. 329 Such adjusted tax rate ceiling may be applied to the total assessed valuation of the political subdivision at the 330 331 setting of the next tax rate. If a ballot question presents 332 a phased-in tax rate increase, upon voter approval, each tax 333 rate increase shall be adjusted in the manner prescribed in this section to yield the sum of: the amount of revenue 334 that would be derived by applying such voter-approved 335 increased rate to the total assessed valuation, as most 336 337 recently certified by the city or county clerk on or before 338 the date of the election in which such increase was 339 approved, increased by the percentage increase in the 340 consumer price index, as provided by law, from the date of the election to the time of such increase and, so adjusted, 341 342 shall be the current tax rate ceiling.
- The governing body of any political subdivision 343 may levy a tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling and may, 344 in a nonreassessment year, increase that lowered tax rate to 345 a level not exceeding the tax rate ceiling without voter 346 347 approval in the manner provided under subdivision (4) of 348 this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed 349 as prohibiting a political subdivision from voluntarily 350 levying a tax rate lower than that which is required under the provisions of this section or from seeking voter 351 approval of a reduction to such political subdivision's tax 352 353 rate ceiling.
- 354 (4) In a year of general reassessment, a governing 355 body whose tax rate is lower than its tax rate ceiling shall 356 revise its tax rate pursuant to the provisions of subsection

357 4 of this section as if its tax rate was at the tax rate 358 ceiling. In a year following general reassessment, if such 359 governing body intends to increase its tax rate, the governing body shall conduct a public hearing, and in a 360 361 public meeting it shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or 362 policy statement justifying its action prior to setting and certifying its tax rate. The provisions of this subdivision 363 364 shall not apply to any political subdivision which levies a 365 tax rate lower than its tax rate ceiling solely due to a 366 reduction required by law resulting from sales tax collections. The provisions of this subdivision shall not 367 apply to any political subdivision which has received voter 368 369 approval for an increase to its tax rate ceiling subsequent 370 to setting its most recent tax rate.

371 (1) For the purposes of calculating state aid for 372 public schools pursuant to section 163.031, each taxing 373 authority which is a school district shall determine its proposed tax rate as a blended rate of the classes or 374 375 subclasses of property. Such blended rate shall be calculated by first determining the total tax revenue of the 376 377 property within the jurisdiction of the taxing authority, 378 which amount shall be equal to the sum of the products of 379 multiplying the assessed valuation of each class and 380 subclass of property by the corresponding tax rate for such 381 class or subclass, then dividing the total tax revenue by 382 the total assessed valuation of the same jurisdiction, and then multiplying the resulting quotient by a factor of one 383 hundred. Where the taxing authority is a school district, 384 such blended rate shall also be used by such school district 385 386 for calculating revenue from state-assessed railroad and 387 utility property as defined in chapter 151 and for apportioning the tax rate by purpose. 388

389 (2) Each taxing authority proposing to levy a tax rate 390 in any year shall notify the clerk of the county commission 391 in the county or counties where the tax rate applies of its 392 tax rate ceiling and its proposed tax rate. Each taxing 393 authority shall express its proposed tax rate in a fraction 394 equal to the nearest one-tenth of a cent, unless its proposed tax rate is in excess of one dollar, then one/one-395 396 hundredth of a cent. If a taxing authority shall round to 397 one/one-hundredth of a cent, it shall round up a fraction 398 greater than or equal to five/one-thousandth of one cent to 399 the next higher one/one-hundredth of a cent; if a taxing 400 authority shall round to one-tenth of a cent, it shall round 401 up a fraction greater than or equal to five/one-hundredths 402 of a cent to the next higher one-tenth of a cent. Any 403 taxing authority levying a property tax rate shall provide data, in such form as shall be prescribed by the state 404 405 auditor by rule, substantiating such tax rate complies with Missouri law. All forms for the calculation of rates 406 407 pursuant to this section shall be promulgated as a rule and shall not be incorporated by reference. The state auditor 408 409 shall promulgate rules for any and all forms for the 410 calculation of rates pursuant to this section which do not currently exist in rule form or that have been incorporated 411 412 by reference. In addition, each taxing authority proposing 413 to levy a tax rate for debt service shall provide data, in 414 such form as shall be prescribed by the state auditor by 415 rule, substantiating the tax rate for debt service complies with Missouri law. A tax rate proposed for annual debt 416 417 service requirements will be prima facie valid if, after 418 making the payment for which the tax was levied, bonds 419 remain outstanding and the debt fund reserves do not exceed 420 the following year's payments. The county clerk shall keep 421 on file and available for public inspection all such

422 information for a period of three years. The clerk shall, 423 within three days of receipt, forward a copy of the notice 424 of a taxing authority's tax rate ceiling and proposed tax rate and any substantiating data to the state auditor. 425 426 state auditor shall, within fifteen days of the date of 427 receipt, examine such information and return to the county 428 clerk his or her findings as to compliance of the tax rate 429 ceiling with this section and as to compliance of any 430 proposed tax rate for debt service with Missouri law. Ιf 431 the state auditor believes that a taxing authority's proposed tax rate does not comply with Missouri law, then 432 the state auditor's findings shall include a recalculated 433 434 tax rate, and the state auditor may request a taxing 435 authority to submit documentation supporting such taxing 436 authority's proposed tax rate. The county clerk shall immediately forward a copy of the auditor's findings to the 437 438 taxing authority and shall file a copy of the findings with the information received from the taxing authority. The 439 440 taxing authority shall have fifteen days from the date of receipt from the county clerk of the state auditor's 441 findings and any request for supporting documentation to 442 accept or reject in writing the rate change certified by the 443 state auditor and to submit all requested information to the 444 445 state auditor. A copy of the taxing authority's acceptance 446 or rejection and any information submitted to the state 447 auditor shall also be mailed to the county clerk. If a taxing authority rejects a rate change certified by the 448 state auditor and the state auditor does not receive 449 supporting information which justifies the taxing 450 451 authority's original or any subsequent proposed tax rate, 452 then the state auditor shall refer the perceived violations of such taxing authority to the attorney general's office 453 454 and the attorney general is authorized to obtain injunctive

- relief to prevent the taxing authority from levying a violative tax rate.
- In the event that the taxing authority incorrectly 457 (3) completes the forms created and promulgated under 458 459 subdivision (2) of this subsection, or makes a clerical 460 error, the taxing authority may submit amended forms with an explanation for the needed changes. If such amended forms 461 462 are filed under regulations prescribed by the state auditor, 463 the state auditor shall take into consideration such amended 464 forms for the purposes of this subsection.
 - 7. No tax rate shall be extended on the tax rolls by the county clerk unless the political subdivision has complied with the foregoing provisions of this section.

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468 Whenever a taxpayer has cause to believe that a 469 taxing authority has not complied with the provisions of 470 this section, the taxpayer may make a formal complaint with 471 the prosecuting attorney of the county. Where the prosecuting attorney fails to bring an action within ten 472 473 days of the filing of the complaint, the taxpayer may bring a civil action pursuant to this section and institute an 474 475 action as representative of a class of all taxpayers within 476 a taxing authority if the class is so numerous that joinder 477 of all members is impracticable, if there are questions of 478 law or fact common to the class, if the claims or defenses 479 of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class, and if the representative parties 480 481 will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. In any class action maintained pursuant to this 482 483 section, the court may direct to the members of the class a 484 notice to be published at least once each week for four 485 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the civil action is commenced 486 487 and in other counties within the jurisdiction of a taxing

488 authority. The notice shall advise each member that the 489 court will exclude him or her from the class if he or she so 490 requests by a specified date, that the judgment, whether favorable or not, will include all members who do not 491 492 request exclusion, and that any member who does not request 493 exclusion may, if he or she desires, enter an appearance. 494 In any class action brought pursuant to this section, the 495 court, in addition to the relief requested, shall assess 496 against the taxing authority found to be in violation of 497 this section the reasonable costs of bringing the action, including reasonable attorney's fees, provided no attorney's 498 499 fees shall be awarded any attorney or association of 500 attorneys who receive public funds from any source for their 501 services. Any action brought pursuant to this section shall 502 be set for hearing as soon as practicable after the cause is 503 at issue.

504 9. If in any action, including a class action, the court issues an order requiring a taxing authority to revise 505 506 the tax rates as provided in this section or enjoins a taxing authority from the collection of a tax because of its 507 508 failure to revise the rate of levy as provided in this 509 section, any taxpayer paying his or her taxes when an improper rate is applied has erroneously paid his or her 510 511 taxes in part, whether or not the taxes are paid under 512 protest as provided in section 139.031 or otherwise 513 The part of the taxes paid erroneously is the 514 difference in the amount produced by the original levy and the amount produced by the revised levy. The township or 515 county collector of taxes or the collector of taxes in any 516 517 city shall refund the amount of the tax erroneously paid. The taxing authority refusing to revise the rate of levy as 518 provided in this section shall make available to the 519 520 collector all funds necessary to make refunds pursuant to

- 521 this subsection. No taxpayer shall receive any interest on 522 any money erroneously paid by him or her pursuant to this subsection. Effective in the 1994 tax year, nothing in this 523 524 section shall be construed to require a taxing authority to refund any tax erroneously paid prior to or during the third 525 526 tax year preceding the current tax year. 10. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is 527 528 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the 529 authority delegated in this section shall become effective 530 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the 531 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and 532 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly 533 534 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
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