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Recommendation for legislation also made in:

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SENATE, No. 113

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STATEMENT

This bill is a companion measure to the tax court bill to provide for direct appeal to the court on property assessments on large properties.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 113

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 1978

This is a companion measure to Senate Bill No. 115 establishing a tax court. It provides that a taxpayer or taxing district appealing assessed valuation of property may appeal directly to the tax court where the assessed valuation of the property exceeds \$100,000.00 in value.

The bill is effective July 1 next following enactment of legislation establishing a tax court.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Committee amendments establish \$500,000.00 or more, in place of \$100,000.00 or more, to be the assessed valuation level for which a direct appeal to the tax court may be taken.

Further, committee amendments change the effective date to be July 1, 1979, to coincide with the effective date of Senate Bill No. 115 establishing a tax court.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE, No. 113

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MARCH 2, 1978

Amend page 1, section 1, line 13, omit "\$100,000.00", insert "\$500,000.00".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 15, omit "\$100,000.00", insert "\$500,000.00".

Amend page 1, section 2, lines 1-2, after "July 1", omit all of line 1 and line 2, insert "1979.".

ASSEMBLY TAXATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 113

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 1978

The Assembly Taxation Committee concurs with the Senate committee statement to this bill.

It was necessary to amend Senate Bill No. 113, Official Copy Reprint to bring it into agreement with Assembly Bill No. 332 which has passed both Houses and is expected to be signed by the Governor—a bill released favorably by this committee earlier in the year.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE, No. 113

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ADOPTED MAY 22, 1978

Amend page 1, section 1, line 17, after "copy", insert "thereof".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 18, omit "of any such petition of appeal"; omit "assessor".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 19, omit "or attorney"; after "district", insert "who shall notify the assessor, collector, attorney and such other municipal officials as the governing body shall direct of the content thereof."; omit "setting", insert "The petition shall set".

ASSEMBLY REPRINT

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SENATE, No. 113

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 1979

Page 1, section 1, line 14: after "pending" insert "on July 1, 1979".

Page 1, section 1, line 20: after "shall" and before "notify" insert "forthwith"; delete ", attorney".

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

January 11, 1979

SENATE BILL NO. 113

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 113, with my objections, for reconsideration.

This bill is a companion bill to Senate Bill No. 115 which I signed into law on June 13, 1978 establishing a tax court. Senate Bill No. 113 would amend R.S. 54:3-21, inter alia, to establish thresholds of assessed valuation as the bases for direct property tax appeals to the tax court and for the transfer of property tax appeals pending before county boards of taxation. The bill also would amend the present law concerning the persons to be notified of a tax appeal.

While I support the concept of this legislation, several amendments are needed. The bill provides that appeals pending before the county boards of taxation can be transferred to the tax court in cases where the assessed valuation of the property involved exceeds \$750,000. However, the level of assessed valuation at which appeals can be taken directly to the tax court is at \$500,000. I am recommending that the level for direct appeals be amended to \$750,000 to be consistent with the threshold for the transfer of pending appeals.

Further, the bill states that "an appeal pending" before a county board of taxation may be transferred to the tax court. Some confusion could occur about when the appeal is considered "pending" to enable such a transfer to take place. I am recommending an amendment to make clear that this provision applies to matters pending on the effective date of this act, July 1, 1979.

On August 16, 1978 I signed into law Assembly Bill No. 332 which amended R.S. 54:3-21 so that petitions of tax appeal are to be filed with the clerk of the taxing district who is then to notify the assessor, collector and any other municipal officials as the governing body should direct. I am recommending amendments to make this legislation consistent with this recently enacted law.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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SENATE BILL NO. 113

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Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 113 for reconsideration and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 1, Section 1, Line 13: Delete "500,000" and insert "750,000"; after "pending" insert "on July 1, 1979".

Page 1, Section 1, Line 20: After "shall" and before "notify" insert
"forthwith"; delete "attorney".

Respectfully,

/s/ Brendan Byrne

GOVERNOR

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Attest:

/s/ Robert E. Mulcahy III

Chief of Staff, Secretary

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 28, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PATRICK SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed S-3009, sponsored by Senator Steven P. Perskie (D-Atlantic), S-113, also sponsored by Perskie, and A-3231, sponsored by Assemblyman Kenneth A. Gewertz (D-Gloucester).

S-3009 amends and supplements a number of laws governing tax appeals in order to implement the Tax Court which becomes effective July 1, 1979. The bill conforms major New Jersey tax appeal statutes to the concept of review in a tax court of original jurisdiction rather than an administrative agency. The sections of the bill are concerned with changes in time periods, procedure and filing fees.

S-113 is a companion measure to S-115, also sponsored by Perskie, which was recently signed into law establishing a Tax Court. S-113 provides that a taxpayer or taxing district appealing assessed valuation of property can appeal directly to the Tax Court where the assessed valuation of the property exceeds \$750,000 in value.

A-3231 makes permanent existing pilot projects which render emergency mobile intensive parametric care in coronary cases at nine hospitals. This legislation allows the pilot program, which would have expired on June 30, 1979, to continue.

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