

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Limiting the searchability of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would impose restrictions on internet listings of property taxes maintained by taxation districts if the listings contain names of property owners whose property is assessed. Under the bill, listings that contain the name of the property owner could not be searchable by name by members of the general public. The internet listing may contain the amount of property taxes assessed for each parcel number or street address.

The bill would authorize a taxation district to maintain records in its office that include the amount of property taxes assessed by parcel number or street address. These records may contain the names of property owners.

The bill could increase administrative costs for taxation districts with searchable internet sites by requiring additional computer programming to remove the capability of name searchability and by requiring additional responses to inquiries that at the present time are performed by the person making the inquiry on the internet.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications