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2009 SENATE BILL 270

August 21, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Erpenbach and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Parisi, Turner, Roys, Pasch, Fields, Benedict, Schneider, Berceau, Dexter, Seidel, Toles, Hraychuck and Jorgensen. Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

- 1 AN ACT to create 66.0145 of the statutes; relating to: limiting the searchability
- 2 of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a city, village, town, or county that maintains property tax assessment records (taxation district) maintains an Internet listing of property taxes assessed by the taxation district and if the listing contains the name of a property owner whose property is assessed, the listing may not be searchable, by name, by members of the general public. Such an Internet listing may contain the property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction.

The bill also specifically authorizes a taxation district to maintain records in its offices that contain the property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel number or street address within the jurisdiction, and these office records may also contain the name of the property owner.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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66.0145 Listing of property tax assessments. (1) In this section, "taxation											
district"	means	a	city,	village,	town,	or	county	that	maintains	property	tax
assessment records.											

- (2) If a taxation district maintains an Internet listing of property taxes assessed within its jurisdiction and if that listing contains the name of the property owner against whom the assessment is made, the Internet listing may 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 within the jurisdiction.
- (3) A taxation district may maintain records in the taxation district's offices that contain a list of property taxes assessed by the taxation district for each parcel number or street address, and such a listing may include the property owner's name.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.

16 (END)