

# HOUSE BILL No. 4874

May 5, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Haines and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled  
"The general property tax act,"  
by amending section 30 (MCL 211.30), as amended by 2003 PA 194.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 30. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2),  
2       the board of review shall meet on the second Monday in March.

3       (2) The governing body of the city or township may authorize,  
4       by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, alternative starting  
5       dates in March when the board of review shall initially meet, which  
6       alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday  
7       following the second Monday of March.

8       (3) The first meeting of the board of review shall start not  
9       earlier than 9 a.m. and not later than 3 p.m. and last for not less  
10      than 6 hours. The board of review shall also meet for not less than  
11      6 hours during the remainder of that week. Persons or their agents

1 who have appeared to file a protest before the board of review at a  
2 scheduled meeting or at a scheduled appointment shall be afforded  
3 an opportunity to be heard by the board of review. The board of  
4 review shall schedule a final meeting after the board of review  
5 makes a change in the assessed value or tentative taxable value of  
6 property or adds property to the assessment roll. The board of  
7 review shall hold at least 3 hours of its required sessions for  
8 review of assessment rolls during the week of the second Monday in  
9 March after 6 p.m.

10 (4) A board of review shall meet a total of at least 12 hours  
11 during the week beginning the second Monday in March to hear  
12 protests. At the request of a person whose property is assessed on  
13 the assessment roll or of his or her agent, and if sufficient cause  
14 is shown, the board of review shall correct the assessed value or  
15 tentative taxable value of the property in a manner that will make  
16 the valuation of the property relatively just and proper under this  
17 act. The board of review may examine under oath the person making  
18 the application, or any other person concerning the matter. A  
19 member of the board of review may administer the oath. A **RESIDENT**  
20 **OR** nonresident taxpayer may file his or her appearance, protest,  
21 and papers in support of the protest by letter, and his or her  
22 personal appearance is not required. **THE TOWNSHIP OR CITY SHALL**  
23 **INCLUDE A STATEMENT NOTIFYING TAXPAYERS OF THIS OPTION IN EACH**  
24 **ASSESSMENT NOTICE UNDER SECTION 24C AND ON EACH NOTICE OR**  
25 **PUBLICATION OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW.** The board of  
26 review, on its own motion, may change assessed values or tentative  
27 taxable values or add to the roll property omitted from the roll

1 that is liable to assessment if the person who is assessed for the  
2 altered valuation or for the omitted property is promptly notified  
3 and granted an opportunity to file objections to the change at the  
4 meeting or at a subsequent meeting. An objection to a change in  
5 assessed value or tentative taxable value or to the addition of  
6 property to the tax roll shall be promptly heard and determined.

7 Each person who makes a request, protest, or application to the  
8 board of review for the correction of the assessed value or  
9 tentative taxable value of the person's property shall be notified  
10 in writing, not later than the first Monday in June, of the board  
11 of review's action on the request, protest, or application, of the  
12 state equalized valuation or tentative taxable value of the  
13 property, and of information regarding the right of further appeal  
14 to the tax tribunal. Information regarding the right of further  
15 appeal to the tax tribunal shall include, but is not limited to, a  
16 statement of the right to appeal to the tax tribunal, the address  
17 of the tax tribunal, and the final date for filing an appeal with  
18 the tax tribunal.

19 (5) After the board of review completes the review of the  
20 assessment roll, a majority of the board of review shall indorse  
21 the roll and sign a statement to the effect that the roll is the  
22 assessment roll for the year in which it has been prepared and  
23 approved by the board of review.

24 (6) The completed assessment roll shall be delivered by the  
25 appropriate assessing officer to the county equalization director  
26 not later than the tenth day after the adjournment of the board of  
27 review, or the Wednesday following the first Monday in April,

1   whichever date occurs first.

2   ~~—— (7) The governing body of the township or city may authorize,~~  
3   ~~by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, a resident taxpayer to~~  
4   ~~file his or her protest before the board of review by letter~~  
5   ~~without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.~~  
6   ~~If that ordinance or resolution is adopted, the township or city~~  
7   ~~shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in~~  
8   ~~each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or~~  
9   ~~publication of the meeting of the board of review.~~