

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5825

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
(MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 33a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 33a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act or any
2 local charter provision or ordinance to the contrary, beginning
3 April 6, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, all of the
4 following apply to the collection of taxes under this act for
5 property taxes levied in 2020:

6 (a) The requirements of sections 30 and 30a are subject to all
7 of the following modifications:

8 (i) Any review of assessments by a city or township board of
9 review that has been completed by the effective date of the



1 amendatory act that added this section must be considered to have
2 been timely completed.

3 (ii) A completed assessment roll for 2020 that has been
4 delivered to the director of a county tax or equalization
5 department by the effective date of the amendatory act that added
6 this section must be considered to have been timely delivered.

7 (iii) If the director of a county tax or equalization department
8 does not receive a certified assessment roll from a board of
9 review, the county must equalize based on the assessment roll
10 prepared by the assessor.

11 (b) The requirements of section 34 are subject to both of the
12 following modifications:

13 (i) The county board of commissioners in each county must meet
14 by not later than May 15, 2020 to determine county equalized value.
15 These meetings must be conducted in a manner consistent with the
16 open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, including,
17 for any meeting held electronically, sections 3 and 3a of the open
18 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.263 and 15.263a.

19 (ii) The director of the tax or equalization department in each
20 county must transmit a certified copy of the tabular statement
21 described in section 5(2) of 1911 PA 44, MCL 209.5, in the manner
22 required under section 5(2) of 1911 PA 44, MCL 209.5, to the state
23 tax commission on or before May 18, 2020.

24 (c) The protest and dispute provisions set forth in sections
25 28, 29, 30, 30a, 34c, and 53b are subject to all of the following
26 modifications:

27 (i) Boards of review that were not able to complete the duties
28 set forth in section 28, 29, or 30 must meet on the Tuesday
29 following the third Monday in July to hear protests.



1 (ii) In addition to purposes set forth in section 53b, boards
2 of review meeting in July must also meet to hear any matters,
3 including protests, provided for under section 30 that are properly
4 before a March board of review under section 30. Boards of review
5 must issue decisions on these matters by not later than September
6 1, 2020.

7 (iii) Boards of review meeting in July pursuant to this
8 subdivision must do both of the following:

9 (A) Provide notice of their meetings in the manner required
10 under the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275,
11 including, for any meeting held electronically, all notices
12 required by sections 3 and 3a of the open meetings act, 1976 PA
13 267, MCL 15.263 and 15.263a. The provision of such notice satisfies
14 the minimum requirements of due process.

15 (B) Allow a resident taxpayer to file a protest before the
16 board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the
17 taxpayer or the taxpayer's agent.

18 (iv) An owner of any assessable property that disputes the
19 classification of a particular parcel must notify the assessor and
20 may protest the assigned classification to the board of review
21 acting in July.

22 (v) An owner or assessor that did not file an appeal at the
23 March 2020 board of review may appeal a classification decision of
24 the board of review acting in July by filing a written petition
25 with the state tax commission by not later than September 1, 2020.

26 (2) This section does not provide for a rehearing or
27 reconsideration by a July board of review of a protest, request, or
28 other property tax matter that was previously denied by a March
29 board of review.



1 (3) The time extensions provided for in this section are
2 automatic, and taxpayers and local officials are entitled to them
3 without filing any additional forms with, or otherwise contacting,
4 the department of treasury, state tax commission, or state tax
5 tribunal.

6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is intended to apply
7 retroactively effective beginning April 6, 2020.

8 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
9 unless House Bill No. 5824 of the 100th Legislature is enacted into
10 law.