

Introduced by Senator Dutton

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An act to amend Section 69.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 274, as introduced, Dutton. Property tax: base year value transfers.

(1) The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature to provide that a person who is either severely disabled or over the age of 55 years may transfer the base year value, as defined, of property that is eligible for the homeowners' property tax exemption to a replacement dwelling that is of equal or lesser value located within the same county as the property from which the base year value is transferred, provided the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed within 2 years of the sale of the original property, subject to certain conditions.

This bill would provide that the base year value of an original property may be transferred to a replacement dwelling that is of greater value, and would require the base year value of the replacement dwelling to be calculated by adding the difference between the full cash value of the original property and the full cash value of the replacement property to the base year value of the original property. This bill would extend the period of time during which a severely disabled person or a person over 55 years of age has to purchase or construct a replacement dwelling, in order to qualify for the transfer, from 2 years to 3 years of the sale of the original property.

(2) Existing law defines "full cash value of the replacement dwelling" for purposes of this property tax relief to mean the replacement dwelling's full cash value, determined in accordance with a specified

provision, as of the date on which the replacement dwelling was purchased or new construction was completed.

This bill would provide that full cash value of the replacement dwelling may also mean, in specified circumstances, the base year value of the replacement dwelling at the time the original property is sold.

(3) By changing the manner in which local assessors assess property for property taxation purposes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

(4) Section 2229 of the Revenue and Taxation Code requires the Legislature to reimburse local agencies annually for certain property tax revenues lost as a result of any exemption or classification of property for purposes of ad valorem property taxation.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding Section 2229 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for property tax revenues lost by them pursuant to the bill.

(5) This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy, but would become operative only if Senate Constitutional Amendment ____ of the 2009–10 Regular Session is approved by the voters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 69.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 69.5. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
- 4 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the
- 5 California Constitution, any person over the age of 55 years, or
- 6 any severely and permanently disabled person, who resides in
- 7 property that is eligible for the homeowners' exemption under
- 8 subdivision (k) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the California
- 9 Constitution and Section 218 may transfer, subject to the conditions

and limitations provided in this section, the base year value of that property to any replacement dwelling of equal or lesser value that is located within the same county and is purchased or newly constructed by that person as his or her principal residence within two years of the sale by that person of the original property, provided that the base year value of the original property shall not be transferred to the replacement dwelling until the original property is sold, in both of the following circumstances:

(A) To any replacement dwelling of equal or lesser value that is located within the same county and is purchased or newly constructed by that person as his or her principal residence within three years of the sale by that person of the original property, provided that the base year value of the original property shall not be transferred to the replacement dwelling until the original property is sold.

(B) To any replacement dwelling of greater value that is located within the same county and is purchased or newly constructed by that person as his or her principal place of residence within three years of the sale by that person of the original property, provided that the base year value of the original property shall not be transferred to the replacement dwelling until the original property is sold. The base year value of the replacement dwelling shall be calculated by adding the difference between the full cash value of the original property and the full cash value of the replacement dwelling to the base year value of the original property.

(2) Notwithstanding the limitation in paragraph (1) requiring that the original property and the replacement dwelling be located in the same county, this limitation shall not apply in any county in which the county board of supervisors, after consultation with local affected agencies within the boundaries of the county, adopts an ordinance making the provisions of paragraph (1) also applicable to situations in which replacement dwellings are located in that county and the original properties are located in another county within this state. The authorization contained in this paragraph shall be applicable in a county only if the ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors complies with all of the following requirements:

(A) It is adopted only after consultation between the board of supervisors and all other local affected agencies within the county's boundaries.

1 (B) It requires that all claims for transfers of base year value
2 from original property located in another county be granted if the
3 claims meet the applicable requirements of both subdivision (a)
4 of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and
5 this section.

6 (C) It requires that all base year valuations of original property
7 located in another county and determined by its assessor be
8 accepted in connection with the granting of claims for transfers of
9 base year value.

10 (D) It provides that its provisions are operative for a period of
11 not less than five years.

12 (E) The ordinance specifies the date on and after which its
13 provisions shall be applicable. However, the date specified shall
14 not be earlier than November 9, 1988. The specified applicable
15 date may be a date earlier than the date the county adopts the
16 ordinance.

17 (b) In addition to meeting the requirements of subdivision (a),
18 any person claiming the property tax relief provided by this section
19 shall be eligible for that relief only if the following conditions are
20 met:

21 (1) The claimant is an owner and a resident of the original
22 property either at the time of its sale, or at the time when the
23 original property was substantially damaged or destroyed by
24 misfortune or calamity, or within two years of the purchase or new
25 construction of the replacement dwelling.

26 (2) The original property is eligible for the homeowners'
27 exemption, as the result of the claimant's ownership and occupation
28 of the property as his or her principal residence, either at the time
29 of its sale, or at the time when the original property was
30 substantially damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity, or
31 within two years of the purchase or new construction of the
32 replacement dwelling.

33 (3) At the time of the sale of the original property, the claimant
34 or the claimant's spouse who resides with the claimant is at least
35 55 years of age, or is severely and permanently disabled.

36 (4) At the time of claiming the property tax relief provided by
37 subdivision (a), the claimant is an owner of a replacement dwelling
38 and occupies it as his or her principal place of residence and, as a
39 result thereof, the property is currently eligible for the homeowners'
40 exemption or would be eligible for the exemption except that the

1 property is already receiving the exemption because of an
2 exemption claim filed by the previous owner.

3 (5) The original property of the claimant is sold by him or her
4 within two years of the purchase or new construction of the
5 replacement dwelling. For purposes of this paragraph, the purchase
6 or new construction of the replacement dwelling includes the
7 purchase of that portion of land on which the replacement building,
8 structure, or other shelter constituting a place of abode of the
9 claimant will be situated and that, pursuant to paragraph (3) of
10 subdivision (g), constitutes a part of the replacement dwelling.

11 (6) The replacement dwelling, including that portion of land on
12 which it is situated that is specified in paragraph (5), is located
13 entirely within the same county as the claimant's original property.

14 (7) The claimant has not previously been granted, as a claimant,
15 the property tax relief provided by this section, except that this
16 paragraph shall not apply to any person who becomes severely
17 and permanently disabled subsequent to being granted, as a
18 claimant, the property tax relief provided by this section for any
19 person over the age of 55 years. In order to prevent duplication of
20 claims under this section within this state, county assessors shall
21 report quarterly to the State Board of Equalization that information
22 from claims filed in accordance with subdivision (f) and from
23 county records as is specified by the board necessary to identify
24 fully all claims under this section allowed by assessors and all
25 claimants who have thereby received relief. The board may specify
26 that the information include all or a part of the names and social
27 security numbers of claimants and their spouses and the identity
28 and location of the replacement dwelling to which the claim
29 applies. The information may be required in the form of data
30 processing media or other media and in a format that is compatible
31 with the recordkeeping processes of the counties and the auditing
32 procedures of the state.

33 (c) The property tax relief provided by this section shall be
34 available if the original property or the replacement dwelling, or
35 both, of the claimant includes, but is not limited to, either of the
36 following:

37 (1) A unit or lot within a cooperative housing corporation, a
38 community apartment project, a condominium project, or a planned
39 unit development. If the unit or lot constitutes the original property
40 of the claimant, the assessor shall transfer to the claimant's

1 replacement dwelling only the base year value of the claimant's
2 unit or lot and his or her share in any common area reserved as an
3 appurtenance of that unit or lot. If the unit or lot constitutes the
4 replacement dwelling of the claimant, the assessor shall transfer
5 the base year value of the claimant's original property only to the
6 unit or lot of the claimant and any share of the claimant in any
7 common area reserved as an appurtenance of that unit or lot.

8 (2) A manufactured home or a manufactured home and any land
9 owned by the claimant on which the manufactured home is situated.
10 For purposes of this paragraph, "land owned by the claimant"
11 includes a pro rata interest in a resident-owned mobilehome park
12 that is assessed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 62.1.

13 (A) If the manufactured home or the manufactured home and
14 the land on which it is situated constitutes the claimant's original
15 property, the assessor shall transfer to the claimant's replacement
16 dwelling either the base year value of the manufactured home or
17 the base year value of the manufactured home and the land on
18 which it is situated, as appropriate. If the manufactured home
19 dwelling that constitutes the original property of the claimant
20 includes an interest in a resident-owned mobilehome park, the
21 assessor shall transfer to the claimant's replacement dwelling the
22 base year value of the claimant's manufactured home and his or
23 her pro rata portion of the real property of the park. No transfer of
24 base year value shall be made by the assessor of that portion of
25 land that does not constitute a part of the original property, as
26 provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (g).

27 (B) If the manufactured home or the manufactured home and
28 the land on which it is situated constitutes the claimant's
29 replacement dwelling, the assessor shall transfer the base year
30 value of the claimant's original property either to the manufactured
31 home or the manufactured home and the land on which it is
32 situated, as appropriate. If the manufactured home dwelling that
33 constitutes the replacement dwelling of the claimant includes an
34 interest in a resident-owned mobilehome park, the assessor shall
35 transfer the base year value of the claimant's original property to
36 the manufactured home of the claimant and his or her pro rata
37 portion of the park. No transfer of base year value shall be made
38 by the assessor to that portion of land that does not constitute a
39 part of the replacement dwelling, as provided in paragraph (3) of
40 subdivision (g).

1 This subdivision shall be subject to the limitations specified in
2 subdivision (d).

3 (d) The property tax relief provided by this section shall be
4 available to a claimant who is the coowner of the original property,
5 as a joint tenant, a tenant in common, or a community property
6 owner, subject to the following limitations:

7 (1) If a single replacement dwelling is purchased or newly
8 constructed by all of the coowners and each coowner retains an
9 interest in the replacement dwelling, the claimant shall be eligible
10 under this section whether or not any or all of the remaining
11 coowners would otherwise be eligible claimants.

12 (2) If two or more replacement dwellings are separately
13 purchased or newly constructed by two or more coowners and
14 more than one coowner would otherwise be an eligible claimant,
15 only one coowner shall be eligible under this section. These
16 coowners shall determine by mutual agreement which one of them
17 shall be deemed eligible.

18 (3) If two or more replacement dwellings are separately
19 purchased or newly constructed by two coowners who held the
20 original property as community property, only the coowner who
21 has attained the age of 55 years, or is severely and permanently
22 disabled, shall be eligible under this section. If both spouses are
23 over 55 years of age, they shall determine by mutual agreement
24 which one of them is eligible.

25 In the case of coowners whose original property is a multiunit
26 dwelling, the limitations imposed by paragraphs (2) and (3) shall
27 only apply to coowners who occupied the same dwelling unit
28 within the original property at the time specified in paragraph (2)
29 of subdivision (b).

30 (e) Upon the sale of original property, the assessor shall
31 determine a new base year value for that property in accordance
32 with subdivision (a) of Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California
33 Constitution and Section 110.1, whether or not a replacement
34 dwelling is subsequently purchased or newly constructed by the
35 former owner or owners of the original property.

36 This section shall not apply unless the transfer of the original
37 property is a change in ownership that either (1) subjects that
38 property to reappraisal at its current fair market value in accordance
39 with Section 110.1 or 5803 or (2) results in a base year value
40 determined in accordance with this section, Section 69, or Section

1 69.3 because the property qualifies under this section, Section 69,
2 or Section 69.3 as a replacement dwelling or property.

3 (f) (1) A claimant shall not be eligible for the property tax relief
4 provided by this section unless the claimant provides to the
5 assessor, on a form that shall be designed by the State Board of
6 Equalization and that the assessor shall make available upon
7 request, the following information:

8 (A) The name and social security number of each claimant and
9 of any spouse of the claimant who is a record owner of the
10 replacement dwelling.

11 (B) Proof that the claimant or the claimant's spouse who resided
12 on the original property with the claimant was, at the time of its
13 sale, at least 55 years of age, or severely and permanently disabled.
14 Proof of severe and permanent disability shall be considered a
15 certification, signed by a licensed physician and surgeon of
16 appropriate specialty, attesting to the claimant's severely and
17 permanently disabled condition. In the absence of available proof
18 that a person is over 55 years of age, the claimant shall certify
19 under penalty of perjury that the age requirement is met. In the
20 case of a severely and permanently disabled claimant either of the
21 following shall be submitted:

22 (i) A certification, signed by a licensed physician or surgeon of
23 appropriate specialty that identifies specific reasons why the
24 disability necessitates a move to the replacement dwelling and the
25 disability-related requirements, including any locational
26 requirements, of a replacement dwelling. The claimant shall
27 substantiate that the replacement dwelling meets disability-related
28 requirements so identified and that the primary reason for the move
29 to the replacement dwelling is to satisfy those requirements. If the
30 claimant, or the claimant's spouse or guardian, so declares under
31 penalty of perjury, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the primary
32 purpose of the move to the replacement dwelling is to satisfy
33 identified disability-related requirements.

34 (ii) The claimant's substantiation that the primary purpose of
35 the move to the replacement dwelling is to alleviate financial
36 burdens caused by the disability. If the claimant, or the claimant's
37 spouse or guardian, so declares under penalty of perjury, it shall
38 be rebuttably presumed that the primary purpose of the move is
39 to alleviate the financial burdens caused by the disability.

1 (C) The address and, if known, the assessor's parcel number of
2 the original property.

3 (D) The date of the claimant's sale of the original property and
4 the date of the claimant's purchase or new construction of a
5 replacement dwelling.

6 (E) A statement by the claimant that he or she occupied the
7 replacement dwelling as his or her principal place of residence on
8 the date of the filing of his or her claim.

9 (F) Any claim under this section shall be filed within ~~three~~ *four*
10 years of the date the replacement dwelling was purchased or the
11 new construction of the replacement dwelling was completed
12 subject to subdivision (k) or (m).

13 (2) A claim for transfer of base year value under this section
14 that is filed after the expiration of the filing period set forth in
15 subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) shall be considered by the
16 assessor, subject to all of the following conditions:

17 (A) Any base year value transfer granted pursuant to that claim
18 shall apply commencing with the lien date of the assessment year
19 in which the claim is filed.

20 (B) The full cash value of the replacement property in the
21 assessment year described in subparagraph (A) shall be the base
22 year value of the real property in the assessment year in which the
23 base year value was transferred, factored to the assessment year
24 described in subparagraph (A) for both of the following:

25 (i) Inflation as annually determined in accordance with
26 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 51.

27 (ii) Any subsequent new construction occurring with respect to
28 the subject real property that does not qualify for property tax relief
29 pursuant to the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
30 paragraph (4) of subdivision (h).

31 (g) For purposes of this section:

32 (1) "Person over the age of 55 years" means any person or the
33 spouse of any person who has attained the age of 55 years or older
34 at the time of the sale of the original property.

35 (2) "Base year value of the original property" means its base
36 year value, as determined in accordance with Section 110.1, with
37 the adjustments permitted by subdivision (b) of Section 2 of Article
38 XIII A of the California Constitution and subdivision (f) of Section
39 110.1, determined as of the date immediately prior to the date that
40 the original property is sold by the claimant, or in the case where

1 the original property has been substantially damaged or destroyed
2 by misfortune or calamity and the owner does not rebuild on the
3 original property, determined as of the date immediately prior to
4 the misfortune or calamity.

5 If the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed
6 after the transfer of the original property, “base year value of the
7 original property” also includes any inflation factor adjustments
8 permitted by subdivision (f) of Section 110.1 for the period
9 subsequent to the sale of the original property. The base year or
10 years used to compute the “base year value of the original property”
11 shall be deemed to be the base year or years of any property to
12 which that base year value is transferred pursuant to this section.

13 (3) “Replacement dwelling” means a building, structure, or
14 other shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property
15 or personal property, that is owned and occupied by a claimant as
16 his or her principal place of residence, and any land owned by the
17 claimant on which the building, structure, or other shelter is
18 situated. For purposes of this paragraph, land constituting a part
19 of a replacement dwelling includes only that area of reasonable
20 size that is used as a site for a residence, and “land owned by the
21 claimant” includes land for which the claimant either holds a
22 leasehold interest described in subdivision (c) of Section 61 or a
23 land purchase contract. Each unit of a multiunit dwelling shall be
24 considered a separate replacement dwelling. For purposes of this
25 paragraph, “area of reasonable size that is used as a site for a
26 residence” includes all land if any nonresidential uses of the
27 property are only incidental to the use of the property as a
28 residential site. For purposes of this paragraph, “land owned by
29 the claimant” includes an ownership interest in a resident-owned
30 mobilehome park that is assessed pursuant to subdivision (b) of
31 Section 62.1.

32 (4) “Original property” means a building, structure, or other
33 shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property or
34 personal property, that is owned and occupied by a claimant as his
35 or her principal place of residence, and any land owned by the
36 claimant on which the building, structure, or other shelter is
37 situated. For purposes of this paragraph, land constituting a part
38 of the original property includes only that area of reasonable size
39 that is used as a site for a residence, and “land owned by the
40 claimant” includes land for which the claimant either holds a

leasehold interest described in subdivision (c) of Section 61 or a land purchase contract. Each unit of a multiunit dwelling shall be considered a separate original property. For purposes of this paragraph, “area of reasonable size that is used as a site for a residence” includes all land if any nonresidential uses of the property are only incidental to the use of the property as a residential site. For purposes of this paragraph, “land owned by the claimant” includes an ownership interest in a resident-owned mobilehome park that is assessed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 62.1.

(5) “Equal or lesser value” means that the amount of the full cash value of a replacement dwelling does not exceed one of the following:

(A) One hundred percent of the amount of the full cash value of the original property if the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed prior to the date of the sale of the original property.

(B) One hundred and five percent of the amount of the full cash value of the original property if the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed within the first year following the date of the sale of the original property.

(C) One hundred and ten percent of the amount of the full cash value of the original property if the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed within the second year following the date of the sale of the original property.

(D) *One hundred fifteen percent of the amount of the full cash value of the original property if the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed within the third year following the date of the sale of the original property.*

For the purposes of this paragraph, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of subdivision (h), if the replacement dwelling is, in part, purchased and, in part, newly constructed, the date the “replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed” is the date of purchase or the date of completion of construction, whichever is later.

(6) “Full cash value of the replacement dwelling” means ~~its full cash value, determined in accordance with Section 110.1, as of the date on which it was purchased or new construction was completed, and after the purchase or the completion of new construction.~~ *either of the following:*

1 (A) In the case where base year value is transferred from an
2 original property to a replacement dwelling that is purchased or
3 newly constructed prior to the date of the sale of the original
4 property and the base year value of the replacement dwelling has
5 decreased since the date of purchase of the replacement dwelling,
6 its full cash value shall be the base year value of the replacement
7 dwelling at the time the original property is sold.

8 (B) In the case of any other transfer of base year value from an
9 original property to a replacement dwelling, its full cash value
10 shall be determined in accordance with Section 110.1, as of the
11 date on which it was purchased or new construction was
12 completed, and after the purchase or the completion of new
13 construction.

14 (7) “Full cash value of the original property” means; either of
15 the following:

16 (A) Its new base year value, determined in accordance with
17 subdivision (e), without the application of subdivision (h) of
18 Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, plus the
19 adjustments permitted by subdivision (b) of Section 2 of Article
20 XIII A and subdivision (f) of Section 110.1 for the period from the
21 date of its sale by the claimant to the date on which the replacement
22 property was purchased or new construction was completed.

23 (B) In the case where the original property has been substantially
24 damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity and the owner
25 does not rebuild on the original property, its full cash value, as
26 determined in accordance with Section 110, immediately prior to
27 its substantial damage or destruction by misfortune or calamity,
28 as determined by the county assessor of the county in which the
29 property is located, without the application of subdivision (h) of
30 Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, plus the
31 adjustments permitted by subdivision (b) of Section 2 of Article
32 XIII A and subdivision (f) of Section 110.1, for the period from
33 the date of its sale by the claimant to the date on which the
34 replacement property was purchased or new construction was
35 completed.

36 (8) “Sale” means any change in ownership of the original
37 property for consideration.

38 (9) “Claimant” means any person claiming the property tax
39 relief provided by this section. If a spouse of that person is a record
40 owner of the replacement dwelling, the spouse is also a claimant

1 for purposes of determining whether in any future claim filed by
2 the spouse under this section the condition of eligibility specified
3 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) has been met.

4 (10) "Property that is eligible for the homeowners' exemption"
5 includes property that is the principal place of residence of its
6 owner and is entitled to exemption pursuant to Section 205.5.

7 (11) "Person" means any individual, but does not include any
8 firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other legal
9 entity or organization of any kind.

10 (12) "Severely and permanently disabled" means any person
11 described in subdivision (b) of Section 74.3.

12 (13) For the purposes of this section property is "substantially
13 damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity" if it sustains
14 physical damage amounting to more than 50 percent of its full
15 cash value immediately prior to the misfortune or calamity.
16 Damage includes a diminution in the value of property as a result
17 of restricted access to the property where the restricted access was
18 caused by the misfortune or calamity and is permanent in nature.

19 (h) (1) Upon the timely filing of a claim described in
20 subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (f), the assessor
21 shall adjust the new base year value of the replacement dwelling
22 in conformity with this section. This adjustment shall be made as
23 of the latest of the following dates:

24 (A) The date the original property is sold.

25 (B) The date the replacement dwelling is purchased.

26 (C) The date the new construction of the replacement dwelling
27 is completed.

28 (2) Any taxes that were levied on the replacement dwelling prior
29 to the filing of the claim on the basis of the replacement dwelling's
30 new base year value, and any allowable annual adjustments thereto,
31 shall be canceled or refunded to the claimant to the extent that the
32 taxes exceed the amount that would be due when determined on
33 the basis of the adjusted new base year value.

34 (3) Notwithstanding Section 75.10, Chapter 3.5 (commencing
35 with Section 75) shall be utilized for purposes of implementing
36 this subdivision, including adjustments of the new base year value
37 of replacement dwellings acquired prior to the sale of the original
38 property.

39 (4) In the case where a claim under this section has been timely
40 filed and granted, and new construction is performed upon the

1 replacement dwelling subsequent to the transfer of base year value,
2 the property tax relief provided by this section also shall apply to
3 the replacement dwelling, as improved, and thus there shall be no
4 reassessment upon completion of the new construction if ~~both of~~
5 ~~the following conditions are met:~~

6 *(A) In the case of a transfer of base year value from an original*
7 *property to a replacement dwelling that is of equal or lesser value,*
8 *both of the following conditions are met:*

9 *(A)*

10 *(i) The new construction is completed within ~~two~~ three years*
11 *of the date of the sale of the original property and the owner*
12 *notifies the assessor in writing of completion of the new*
13 *construction within 30 days after completion.*

14 *(B)*

15 *(ii) The fair market value of the new construction on the date*
16 *of completion, plus the full cash value of the replacement dwelling*
17 *on the date of acquisition, is not more than the full cash value of*
18 *the original property as determined pursuant to paragraph (7) of*
19 *subdivision (g) for purposes of granting the original claim.*

20 *(B) In the case of a transfer of base year value from an original*
21 *property to a replacement dwelling that is of greater value, the*
22 *new construction is completed within three years of the date of*
23 *sale of the original property and the owner notifies the assessor*
24 *in writing of completion of the new construction within 30 days*
25 *after completion.*

26 *(i) Any claimant may rescind a claim for the property tax relief*
27 *provided by this section and shall not be considered to have*
28 *received that relief for purposes of paragraph (7) of subdivision*
29 *(b), and the assessor shall grant the rescission, if a written notice*
30 *of rescission is delivered to the office of the assessor as follows:*

31 *(1) A written notice of rescission signed by the original filing*
32 *claimant or claimants is delivered to the office of the assessor in*
33 *which the original claim was filed.*

34 *(2) (A) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the*
35 *notice of rescission is delivered to the office of the assessor before*
36 *the date that the county first issues, as a result of relief granted*
37 *under this section, a refund check for property taxes imposed upon*
38 *the replacement dwelling. If granting relief will not result in a*
39 *refund of property taxes, then the notice shall be delivered before*
40 *payment is first made of any property taxes, or any portion thereof,*

imposed upon the replacement dwelling consistent with relief granted under this section. If payment of the taxes is not made, then notice shall be delivered before the first date that those property taxes, or any portion thereof, imposed upon the replacement dwelling, consistent with relief granted under this section, are delinquent.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision in this division, any time the notice of rescission is delivered to the office of the assessor within six years after relief was granted, provided that the replacement property has been vacated as the claimant's principal place of residence within 90 days after the original claim was filed, regardless of whether the property continues to receive the homeowners' exemption. If the rescission increases the base year value of a property, or the homeowners' exemption has been incorrectly allowed, appropriate escape assessments or supplemental assessments, including interest as provided in Section 506, shall be imposed. The limitations periods for any escape assessments or supplemental assessments shall not commence until July 1 of the assessment year in which the notice of rescission is delivered to the office of the assessor.

(3) The notice is accompanied by the payment of a fee as the assessor may require, provided that the fee shall not exceed an amount reasonably related to the estimated cost of processing a rescission claim, including both direct costs and developmental and indirect costs, such as costs for overhead, personnel, supplies, materials, office space, and computers.

(j) (1) With respect to the transfer of base year value of original properties to replacement dwellings located in the same county, this section, except as provided in paragraph (3) or (4), shall apply to any replacement dwelling that is purchased or newly constructed on or after November 6, 1986.

(2) With respect to the transfer of base year value of original properties to replacement dwellings located in different counties, except as provided in paragraph (4), this section shall apply to any replacement dwelling that is purchased or newly constructed on or after the date specified in accordance with subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) in the ordinance of the county in which the replacement dwelling is located, but shall not apply to any replacement dwelling which was purchased or newly constructed before November 9, 1988.

(3) With respect to the transfer of base year value by a severely and permanently disabled person, this section shall apply only to replacement dwellings that are purchased or newly constructed on or after June 6, 1990.

(4) The amendments made to subdivision (e) by the act adding this paragraph shall apply only to replacement dwellings under Section 69 that are acquired or newly constructed on or after October 20, 1991, and shall apply commencing with the 1991–92 fiscal year.

(k) (1) In the case in which a county adopts an ordinance pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) that establishes an applicable date ~~which~~ *that* is more than three years prior to the date of adoption of the ordinance, those potential claimants who purchased or constructed replacement dwellings more than three years prior to the date of adoption of the ordinance and who would, therefore, be precluded from filing a timely claim, shall be deemed to have timely filed a claim if the claim is filed within three years after the date that the ordinance is adopted. This paragraph may not be construed as a waiver of any other requirement of this section.

(2) In the case in which a county assessor corrects a base year value to reflect a pro rata change in ownership of a resident-owned mobilehome park that occurred between January 1, 1989, and January 1, 2002, pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 62.1, those claimants who purchased or constructed replacement dwellings more than three years prior to the correction and who would, therefore, be precluded from filing a timely claim, shall be deemed to have timely filed a claim if the claim is filed within three years of the date of notice of the correction of the base year value to reflect the pro rata change in ownership. This paragraph may not be construed as a waiver of any other requirement of this section.

(3) This subdivision does not apply to a claimant who has transferred his or her replacement dwelling prior to filing a claim.

(4) The property tax relief provided by this section, but filed under this subdivision, shall apply prospectively only, commencing with the lien date of the assessment year in which the claim is filed. There shall be no refund or cancellation of taxes prior to the date that the claim is filed.

(l) No escape assessment may be levied if a transfer of base year value under this section has been erroneously granted by the assessor pursuant to an expired ordinance authorizing intercounty transfers of base year value.

(m) (1) The amendments made to subdivisions (b) and (g) of this section by Chapter 613 of the Statutes of 2001 shall apply:

(A) With respect to the transfer of base year value of original properties to replacement dwellings located in the same county, to any replacement dwelling that is purchased or newly constructed on or after November 6, 1986.

(B) With respect to the transfer of base year value of original properties to replacement dwellings located in different counties, to any replacement dwelling that is purchased or newly constructed on or after the date specified in accordance with subparagraph (E) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) in the ordinance of the county in which the replacement dwelling is located, but not to any replacement dwelling that was purchased or newly constructed before November 9, 1988.

(C) With respect to the transfer of base year value by a severely and permanently disabled person, to replacement dwellings that are purchased or newly constructed on or after June 6, 1990.

(2) The property tax relief provided by this section in accordance with this subdivision shall apply prospectively only commencing with the lien date of the assessment year in which the claim is filed. There shall be no refund or cancellation of taxes prior to the date that the claim is filed.

(n) A claim filed under this section is not a public document and is not subject to public inspection, except that a claim shall be available for inspection by the claimant or the claimant's spouse, the claimant's or the claimant's spouse's legal representative, the trustee of a trust in which the claimant or the claimant's spouse is a present beneficiary, and the executor or administrator of the claimant's or the claimant's spouse's estate.

(o) *The amendments made to this section by the act adding this subdivision shall apply commencing with the lien date for the 2010–11 fiscal year.*

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

3 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 2229 of the Revenue and
4 Taxation Code, no appropriation is made by this act and the state
5 shall not reimburse any local agency for any property tax revenues
6 lost by it pursuant to this act.

7 SEC. 4. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of
8 Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.
9 However, the provisions of this act shall become operative only
10 if Senate Constitutional Amendment ____ of the 2009–10 Regular
11 Session is approved by the voters and, in that event, shall become
12 operative on January 1, 2010.