

Introduced by Committee on Revenue and Taxation (Senators Wolk (Chair), Alquist, Ashburn, Florez, Runner, Walters, and Wiggins)

March 10, 2009

An act to amend Sections 15609 and 15641 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 69, 69.3, 214.6, 276, 480.3, and 480.4 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 824, as introduced, Committee on Revenue and Taxation. Taxation.

(1) The State Board of Equalization administers various taxes within the state. Existing law requires the board to hold regular meetings at the State Capitol each month, and authorizes it to hold special meetings at such times and places within the state as the chairperson directs.

This bill would instead require that the State Board of Equalization hold at least one regular meeting in Sacramento each quarter and authorizes the board to hold the required monthly meetings at times and places within the state as the chairperson directs.

(2) The California Constitution requires the State Board of Equalization to assess the property, other than franchises, of specified types of entities. Existing law authorizes the State Board of Equalization to permit an assessee of property to inspect any information and records relating to an appraisal of his or her property.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

(3) Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to a requirement of the California Constitution, that the property tax base year value of real property that is substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, as declared by the Governor, may be transferred to a comparable property

located within the same county that is acquired or newly constructed within 3 years after the disaster as a replacement property. Existing law provides that a property is substantially damaged or destroyed if it sustains physical damage amounting to more than 50% of its full cash value immediately prior to the disaster.

This bill would provide that property is substantially damaged or destroyed if either the land or improvements sustain the specified amount of damage.

(4) Existing property tax law, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, authorizes counties to adopt an ordinance allowing the transfer of the property tax base year value of property in another county in the state that has been substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, as provided, to comparable replacement property, of equal or lesser value, that is located in the adopting county and is acquired or newly constructed within 3 years of the damage to, or destruction of, the original property. Existing law provides that a property is substantially damaged or destroyed if it sustains physical damage amounting to more than 50% of its full cash value immediately prior to the disaster.

This bill would provide that property is substantially damaged or destroyed if either the land or improvements sustain the specified amount of damage.

(5) Existing property tax law provides for various exemptions from taxation, including an exemption for property owned and operated by various entities in accordance with the welfare exemption. Existing law provides that property which is leased to a community college, state college, or state university for educational purposes falls within the welfare exemption. Existing law also provides for various filing procedures and requirements when an organization or church claims the welfare exemption.

This bill would update the eligible lessees to include public schools and the University of California to conform with current law. This bill would also revise the filing procedures and requirements for an organization or church claiming a welfare exemption.

(6) Existing property tax law provides, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, for the exemption from property taxation of specified amounts of the assessed value of the home of a disabled veteran, or a veteran's spouse in the case in which the person has, as a result of a service-connected disease or injury, died while on active duty in military service.

This bill would correct an erroneous cross-reference and remove obsolete references to prior exemption amounts.

(7) Existing property tax law requires each county assessor and county recorder to make available a form known as a preliminary change in ownership report. Existing law specifies the contents of this form, but authorizes the State Board of Equalization to revise the form.

This bill would delete the specified contents of this form and would instead require the State Board of Equalization, after consultation with the California Assessors' Association and interested parties, to prescribe the contents of the form. This bill would require that this form contain information that includes, but is not limited to, a description of the property, the parties to the transaction, the date of acquisition, the amount, if any, of the consideration paid for the property, whether paid in money or otherwise, and the terms of the transaction. This bill would also make conforming changes to a related provision.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

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 15609 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 15609. The board shall hold regular meetings ~~at the state capital~~
4 ~~each month, and~~ *each month at times and places within the state*
5 *as the chairperson directs. At least one regular meeting shall be*

1 *held in Sacramento each quarter. The board* may hold special
2 meetings at such times and places ~~within the state as the chairman~~
3 *chairperson* directs. At any meeting the board may transact any
4 and all business and perform all duties imposed upon it and give
5 and enter any and all orders and decrees within its jurisdiction.

6 SEC. 2. Section 15641 of the Government Code is amended
7 to read:

8 15641. In order to verify the information furnished to the
9 assessor of the county, the board may audit the original books of
10 account, wherever located, of any person owning, claiming,
11 possessing, or controlling property included in a survey conducted
12 pursuant to this chapter ~~when~~ *if* the property is of a type for which
13 accounting records are useful sources of appraisal data.

14 No appraisal data relating to individual properties obtained for
15 the purposes of any survey under this chapter shall be made public,
16 and no state or local officer or employee thereof gaining knowledge
17 thereof in any action taken under this chapter shall make any
18 disclosure with respect thereto except as that may be required for
19 the purposes of this chapter. Except as specifically provided herein,
20 any appraisal data may be disclosed by the board to any assessor,
21 or by the board or the assessor to the assessee of the property to
22 which the data relate.

23 The board shall permit an assessee of property to inspect, at the
24 appropriate office of the board, any information and records
25 relating to an appraisal of his or her property, including “market
26 data” as defined in Section 408 *of the Revenue and Taxation Code*.
27 However, no information or records, other than “market data,”
28 which relate to the property or business affairs of a person other
29 than the assessee shall be disclosed.

30 Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing
31 examination of that data by law enforcement agencies, grand juries,
32 boards of supervisors, or their duly authorized agents, employees,
33 or representatives conducting an investigation of an assessor’s
34 office pursuant to Section 25303, and other duly authorized
35 legislative or administrative bodies of the state pursuant to their
36 authorization to examine that data.

37 SEC. 3. Section 69 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
38 amended to read:

39 69. (a) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, pursuant
40 to Section 2 of Article XIII A of the Constitution, the base year

1 value of property ~~which~~ *that* is substantially damaged or destroyed
2 by a disaster, as declared by the Governor, may be transferred to
3 comparable property within the same county ~~which~~ *that* is acquired
4 or newly constructed within five years after the disaster, or five
5 years in the case of the Northridge earthquake, as a replacement
6 for the substantially damaged or destroyed property. At the time
7 the base year value of the substantially damaged or destroyed
8 property is transferred to the replacement property, the substantially
9 damaged or destroyed property shall be reassessed at its full cash
10 value; however, the substantially damaged or destroyed property
11 shall retain its base year value notwithstanding the transfer
12 authorized by this section. If the owner or owners of substantially
13 damaged or destroyed property receive property tax relief under
14 this section, that property shall not be eligible for property tax
15 relief under subdivision (c) of Section 70 in the event of its
16 reconstruction.

17 (b) The replacement base year value of the replacement property
18 acquired shall be determined in accordance with this section.

19 The assessor shall use the following procedure in determining
20 the appropriate replacement base year value of comparable
21 replacement property:

22 (1) If the full cash value of the comparable replacement property
23 does not exceed 120 percent of the full cash value of the property
24 substantially damaged or destroyed, then the adjusted base year
25 value of the property substantially damaged or destroyed shall be
26 transferred to the comparable replacement property as its
27 replacement base year value.

28 (2) If the full cash value of the replacement property exceeds
29 120 percent of the full cash value of the property substantially
30 damaged or destroyed, then the amount of the full cash value over
31 120 percent of the full cash value of the property substantially
32 damaged or destroyed shall be added to the adjusted base year
33 value of the property substantially damaged or destroyed. The sum
34 of these amounts shall become the replacement property's
35 replacement base year value.

36 (3) If the full cash value of the comparable replacement property
37 is less than the adjusted base year value of the property
38 substantially damaged or destroyed, then that lower value shall
39 become the replacement property's base year value.

1 (4) The full cash value of the property substantially damaged
2 or destroyed shall be the amount of its full cash value immediately
3 prior to its substantial damage or destruction, as determined by
4 the county assessor of the county in which the property is located.

5 (c) For purposes of this section:

6 (1) Property is substantially damaged or destroyed if ~~it sustains~~
7 *the land or the improvements sustain* physical damage amounting
8 to more than 50 percent of its full cash value immediately prior to
9 the disaster. Damage includes a diminution in the value of property
10 as a result of restricted access to the property where the restricted
11 access was caused by the disaster and is permanent in nature.

12 (2) Replacement property is comparable to the property
13 substantially damaged or destroyed if it is similar in size, utility,
14 and function to the property ~~which~~ *that* it replaces.

15 (A) Property is similar in function if the replacement property
16 is subject to similar governmental restrictions, such as zoning.

17 (B) Both the size and utility of property are interrelated and
18 associated with value. Property is similar in size and utility only
19 to the extent that the replacement property is, or is intended to be,
20 used in the same manner as the property substantially damaged or
21 destroyed and its full cash value does not exceed 120 percent of
22 the full cash value of the property substantially damaged or
23 destroyed.

24 (i) A replacement property or any portion thereof used or
25 intended to be used for a purpose substantially different than the
26 use made of the property substantially damaged or destroyed shall
27 to the extent of the dissimilar use be considered not similar in
28 utility.

29 (ii) A replacement property or portion thereof that satisfies the
30 use requirement but has a full cash value that exceeds 120 percent
31 of the full cash value of the property substantially damaged or
32 destroyed shall be considered, to the extent of the excess, not
33 similar in utility and size.

34 (C) To the extent that replacement property, or any portion
35 thereof, is not similar in function, size, and utility, the property,
36 or portion thereof, shall be considered to have undergone a change
37 in ownership when the replacement property is acquired or newly
38 constructed.

1 (3) “Disaster” means a major misfortune or calamity in an area
2 subsequently proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster
3 as a result of the misfortune or calamity.

4 (d) (1) This section applies to any comparable replacement
5 property acquired or newly constructed on or after July 1, 1985.

6 (2) The amendments made by Chapter 1053 of the Statutes of
7 1993 apply to any comparable replacement property that is acquired
8 or newly constructed as a replacement for property substantially
9 damaged or destroyed by a disaster occurring on or after October
10 20, 1991, and to the determination of base year values for the
11 1991–92 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.

12 (3) The amendments made by the act adding this paragraph
13 apply to any comparable replacement property that is acquired or
14 newly constructed as a replacement for property substantially
15 damaged or destroyed by a disaster occurring on or after July 1,
16 2003, and to the determination of base year values for the 2003–04
17 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.

18 (e) Only the owner or owners of the property substantially
19 damaged or destroyed, whether one or more individuals,
20 partnerships, corporations, other legal entities, or a combination
21 thereof, shall receive property tax relief under this section. Relief
22 under this section shall be granted to an owner or owners of
23 substantially damaged or destroyed property obtaining title to
24 replacement property. The acquisition of an ownership interest in
25 a legal entity ~~which~~ *that*, directly or indirectly, owns real property
26 is not an acquisition of comparable property.

27 SEC. 4. Section 69.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
28 amended to read:

29 69.3. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law,
30 pursuant to the authority of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of
31 Section 2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, a county
32 board of supervisors, after consultation with affected local agencies
33 located within the boundaries of the county, may adopt an
34 ordinance that authorizes the transfer, subject to the conditions
35 and limitations of this section, of the base year value of real
36 property that is located within another county in this state and has
37 been substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster to
38 comparable replacement property, including land, of equal or lesser
39 value that is located within the adopting county and has been
40 acquired or newly constructed as a replacement for the damaged

1 or destroyed property within three years after the damage or
2 destruction of the original property.

3 (2) The base year value of the original property shall be the base
4 year value of the original property as determined in accordance
5 with Section 110.1, with the inflation factor adjustments permitted
6 by subdivision (f) of Section 110.1, determined as of the date
7 immediately prior to the date that the original property was
8 substantially damaged or destroyed. The base year value of the
9 original property shall also include any inflation factor adjustments
10 permitted by subdivision (f) of Section 110.1 for the period
11 subsequent to the date of the substantial damage to, or destruction
12 of, the original property and up to the date the replacement property
13 is acquired or newly constructed, regardless of whether the claimant
14 continued to own the original property during this entire period.
15 The base year or years used to compute the base year value of the
16 original property shall be deemed to be the base year or years of
17 any property to which that base year value is transferred pursuant
18 to this section.

19 (b) For purposes of this section:

20 (1) “Affected local agency” means any city, special district,
21 school district, or community college district that receives an
22 annual allocation of ad valorem property tax revenues.

23 (2) “Claimant” means an owner or owners of real property
24 claiming the property tax relief provided by this section.

25 (3) “Comparable replacement property” means a replacement
26 property that has a full cash value of equal or lesser value as
27 defined in paragraph (6).

28 (4) “Consultation” means a noticed hearing, that is conducted
29 by a county board of ~~supervisors~~ *supervisors*, concerning the
30 adoption of an ordinance described in subdivision (a) and with
31 respect to which all affected local agencies within the boundaries
32 of the county are provided with reasonable notice of the time and
33 the place of the hearing and a reasonable opportunity to appear
34 and participate.

35 (5) “Disaster” means a major misfortune or calamity in an area
36 subsequently proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of disaster
37 as a result of the misfortune or calamity.

38 (6) “Equal or lesser value” means that the amount of the full
39 cash value of the replacement property does not exceed one of the
40 following:

1 (A) One hundred five percent of the amount of the full cash
2 value of the original property if the replacement property is
3 purchased or newly constructed within the first year following the
4 date of the damage or destruction of the original property.

5 (B) One hundred ten percent of the amount of the full cash value
6 of the original property if the replacement property is purchased
7 or newly constructed within the second year following the date of
8 the damage or destruction of the original property.

9 (C) One hundred fifteen percent of the amount of the full cash
10 value of the original property if the replacement property is
11 purchased or newly constructed within the third year following
12 the date of the damage or destruction of the original property.

13 For the purposes of this paragraph, if the replacement property
14 is, in part, purchased and, in part, newly constructed, the date the
15 “replacement property is purchased or newly constructed” is the
16 date of the purchase or the date of completion of new construction,
17 whichever is later.

18 (7) “Full cash value of the original property” means its full cash
19 value, as determined in accordance with Section 110, immediately
20 prior to its substantial damage or destruction, as determined by
21 the county assessor of the county in which the property is located.

22 (8) “Full cash value of the replacement property” means its full
23 cash value, as determined in accordance with Section 110.1 as of
24 the date upon which it was purchased or new construction was
25 completed, that is applicable on and after that date.

26 (9) “Original property” means a building, structure, or other
27 shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property or
28 personal property, that is owned and occupied by a claimant as his
29 or her principal place of residence, and any land owned by the
30 claimant on which the building, structure, or other shelter is
31 situated, that has been substantially damaged or destroyed by a
32 disaster. For purposes of this paragraph, land constituting a part
33 of original property includes only that area of reasonable size that
34 is used as a site for a residence, and “land owned by the claimant”
35 includes land for which the claimant either holds a leasehold
36 interest described in subdivision (c) of Section 61 or a land
37 purchase contract. For purposes of this paragraph, each unit of a
38 multiunit dwelling shall be considered a separate original property.

1 (10) “Owner or owners” means an individual or individuals,
2 but does not include any firm, partnership, association, corporation,
3 company, other legal entity or organization of any kind.

4 (11) “Replacement property” means a building, structure, or
5 other shelter constituting a place of abode, whether real property
6 or personal property, that is owned and occupied by a claimant as
7 his or her principal place of residence, and any land owned by the
8 claimant on which the building, structure, or other shelter is
9 situated. For purposes of this paragraph, land constituting a part
10 of the replacement property includes only that area of reasonable
11 size that is used as the site for a residence, and “land owned by
12 the claimant” includes land for which the claimant either holds a
13 leasehold interest described in subdivision (c) of Section 61 or a
14 land purchase contract. For purposes of this paragraph, each unit
15 of a multiunit dwelling shall be considered a separate replacement
16 property. “Replacement property” does not include any property,
17 including land or improvements, if the claimant owned any portion
18 of that property prior to the date of the disaster that damaged or
19 destroyed the original property.

20 (12) “Substantially damaged or destroyed” means property ~~that~~
21 ~~sustains~~ *where either the land or the improvements sustain* physical
22 damage amounting to more than 50 percent of its full cash value
23 immediately prior to the disaster. Damage includes a diminution
24 in the value of property as a result of restricted access to the
25 property where the restricted access was caused by the disaster
26 and is permanent in nature.

27 (c) At the time the base year value of the substantially damaged
28 or destroyed property is transferred to the replacement property
29 pursuant to an ordinance adopted under this section, the
30 substantially damaged or destroyed property shall be reassessed
31 at its full cash value. However, the substantially damaged or
32 destroyed property shall retain its base year value notwithstanding
33 that transfer. If the owner or owners of substantially damaged or
34 destroyed property receive property tax relief under this section,
35 that property shall not be eligible for property tax relief under
36 subdivision (c) of Section 70 in the event of its reconstruction.

37 (d) Only the owner or owners of the property that has been
38 substantially damaged or destroyed may receive property tax relief
39 under an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. Relief under
40 an ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall be granted to

1 an owner or owners of a substantially damaged or destroyed
2 property obtaining comparable replacement property. The
3 acquisition of an ownership interest in a legal entity that, directly
4 or indirectly, owns real property is not an acquisition of comparable
5 replacement property for purposes of this section.

6 (e) A timely claim for relief under an ordinance adopted pursuant
7 to this section, in that form as shall be prescribed by the board,
8 shall be filed by the owner with the assessor of the county in which
9 the replacement property is located. No relief under an ordinance
10 adopted pursuant to this section shall be granted unless the claim
11 is filed no later than January 1, 1996, or within three years after
12 the replacement property is acquired or newly constructed,
13 whichever is later.

14 (f) Any taxes that were levied on the replacement property prior
15 to the filing of a claim on the basis of the replacement property's
16 new base year value, and any allowable annual adjustments thereto,
17 shall be canceled or refunded to the claimant to the extent that
18 taxes exceed the amount that would be due when determined on
19 the basis of the adjusted new base year value.

20 (g) This section shall apply to any comparable replacement
21 property of equal or lesser value that is acquired or newly
22 constructed as a replacement for property that has been
23 substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster occurring on or
24 after October 20, 1991, and to the determination of base year values
25 for the 1991–92 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

26 SEC. 5. Section 214.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
27 amended to read:

28 214.6. (a) (1) Property ~~which~~ *that* is owned by an organization
29 meeting the requirements of subdivision (b) of Section 4 of Article
30 XIII of the California Constitution and complying with the
31 requirements of paragraphs (1) to (7), inclusive, of subdivision (a)
32 of Section 214 and ~~which~~ *that* is leased to an exempt governmental
33 entity for the purpose of conducting an activity ~~which~~ *that* if
34 conducted by the owner would qualify the property for an
35 exemption, or leased to a *public school*, community college, state
36 college, or state university, *including the University of California*,
37 for educational purposes, shall be deemed to be within the
38 exemption provided for in subdivision (b) of Section 4 of Article
39 XIII of the California Constitution if:

40 (1)

1 (A) The total income received by the *exempt* organization in the
2 form of rents, fees, or charges from such lease does not exceed the
3 ordinary and usual expenses in maintaining and operating the
4 leased property; and

5 (2)

6 (B) With respect to entities ~~which~~ *that* are political subdivisions
7 of the state, the property is located within the boundaries of the
8 exempt governmental entity leasing the same.

9 (2) *To claim the exemption provided by this section for property*
10 *leased by a qualifying organization to a public school, community*
11 *college, state college, or state university, including the University*
12 *of California, when both entities use the property in a joint manner;*
13 *the organization need only attach a copy of the lease agreements*
14 *with the annual filing of the welfare exemption claim.*

15 (b) To claim the *welfare* exemption provided by this section for
16 property leased by a church to a ~~school district~~, ~~the church need~~
17 ~~only file a~~ *public school, community college, state college, or state*
18 *university, including the University of California, when both*
19 *entities use the property in a joint manner; and where the church*
20 *has claimed a religious exemption, the church need only annually*
21 *file a church lessor's exemption claim and affirm each of the*
22 *following:*

23 (1) The total income received by the ~~organization~~ *church* in the
24 form of rents, fees, or charges from the lease does not exceed the
25 ordinary and usual expenses in maintaining and operating the
26 leased property.

27 (2) With respect to entities ~~which~~ *that* are political subdivisions
28 of the state, the property is located within the boundaries of the
29 exempt governmental entity leasing the same.

30 SEC. 6. Section 276 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
31 amended to read:

32 276. (a) Except as otherwise provided by subdivision (b), for
33 property for which the disabled veterans' exemption described in
34 Section 205.5 was available, but for which a timely claim was not
35 filed, a partial exemption shall be applied in accordance with
36 whichever of the following is applicable:

37 (1) Ninety percent of any tax, including any interest or penalty
38 thereon, levied upon that portion of the assessed value of the
39 property that would have been exempt under a timely and
40 appropriate claim shall be canceled or refunded, provided that an

1 appropriate claim for exemption is filed after 5 p.m. on February
2 15 of the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins but on or
3 before the following December 10.

4 (2) If an appropriate claim for exemption is filed after the time
5 period specified in paragraph (1), 85 percent of that portion of any
6 tax, including any interest or penalty thereon, that was levied upon
7 that portion of the assessed value of the property that would have
8 been exempt under a timely and appropriate claim, shall be
9 canceled or refunded. Cancellations made under this paragraph
10 are subject to the provisions of Article 1 (commencing with Section
11 4895) 4985) of Chapter 4. Refunds issued under this paragraph
12 are subject to the limitations periods on refunds as described in
13 Article 1 (commencing with Section 5096) of Chapter 5.

14 (b) If a ~~late-filed~~ *late-filed* claim for the ~~sixty-thousand-dollar~~
15 ~~(\$60,000) exemption is filed in conjunction with a timely filed~~
16 ~~claim for the forty-thousand-dollar (\$40,000) exemption, or if a~~
17 ~~late-filed claim for the one-hundred-fifty-thousand-dollar~~
18 ~~(\$150,000) exemption is filed in conjunction with a timely filed~~
19 ~~claim for the one-hundred-thousand-dollar (\$100,000) exemption,~~
20 the amount of any exemption allowed under the late-filed claim
21 under subdivision (a) shall be determined on the basis of that
22 portion of the exemption amount, otherwise available under
23 subdivision (a), that exceeds ~~forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or~~
24 ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), as applicable.~~

25 (c) For those claims filed pursuant to subdivision (a) after
26 November 15, the exemption under that subdivision may be applied
27 to the second installment. If that exemption is so applied, the first
28 installment is still delinquent on December 10, and is subject to
29 delinquent penalties provided for in this division if that installment
30 is not timely paid. A refund shall be made to the taxpayer upon a
31 claim submitted to the auditor if the exemption is applied to the
32 second installment and either of the following is true:

- 33 (1) Both installments are paid on or before December 10.
34 (2) The reduction in taxes resulting from the exemption exceeds
35 the amount of taxes due on the second installment.

36 SEC. 7. Section 480.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
37 amended to read:

38 480.3. (a) Each county assessor and recorder shall make
39 available, without charge and upon request, a form entitled
40 "Preliminary Change of Ownership Report," which transferees of

1 real property shall complete and may file with the recorder
2 concurrent with the recordation of any document effecting a change
3 in ownership. The form shall be signed by the transferee or an
4 officer of the transferee ~~and certifying that the information provided~~
5 *on the form is, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, true,*
6 *correct, and complete. The form* shall not be signed by an agent
7 acting for a transferee.

8 (b) If a document evidencing a change in ownership is presented
9 to the recorder for recordation without the concurrent filing of a
10 preliminary change in ownership report, the recorder may charge
11 an additional recording fee of twenty dollars (\$20).

12 (c) Noncompliance with this section by the transferee shall not
13 delay or preclude the recordation of documents if the additional
14 fee specified in subdivision (b) is tendered.

15 (d) The authority to obtain information pursuant to this section
16 is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any existing authority the
17 assessor has under this article.

18 (e) In cases where the county tax collector files purchaser's
19 deeds with respect to a sale for defaulted taxes, the information
20 given to the assessor pursuant to Sections 3716 and 3811 shall be
21 deemed to constitute compliance with this section.

22 (f) The filing of a preliminary change of ownership report or
23 the payment of an additional recording fee shall not be required
24 of any intermediate transferee of property, or of any trustee issuing
25 a trustee's deed to the mortgagee or beneficiary of a mortgage or
26 deed of trust, or his or her assignees, pursuant to the exercise of a
27 power of sale contained in a deed of trust or mortgage pursuant to
28 Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 2920) of Title 14 of Part 4
29 of Division 3 of the Civil Code. For purposes of this subdivision,
30 "intermediate transferee" means any transferee who is acting as
31 both a transferee and the transferor of the same property as part
32 of a series of simultaneous transfers which affect that property and
33 who records the transfer documents and any other recorded
34 documents related to the transfer in consecutive order at one time.

35 (g) Except as prescribed in subdivisions (e) and (f), this section
36 shall apply to changes of ownership occurring on or after July 1,
37 1985.

38 SEC. 8. Section 480.4 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
39 amended to read:

1 480.4. (a) The preliminary change of ownership report referred
2 to in Section 480.3 shall ~~be in substantially the following form:~~
3 *give information relative to the transfer. The information shall*
4 *include, but not be limited to, a description of the property, the*
5 *parties to the transaction, the date of acquisition, the amount, if*
6 *any, of the consideration paid for the property, whether paid in*
7 *money or otherwise, and the terms of the transaction. The*
8 *preliminary change in ownership report shall not include any*
9 *question that is not germane to the assessment function.*

PRELIMINARY CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP REPORT

(To be completed by transferee (buyer) prior to transfer of subject property in accordance with Section 480.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.)

FOR RECORDER: Recorded Book _____, Page _____, Date _____, Document No. _____

SELLER:

BUYER:

A.P. #(s):

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

ADDRESS (if improved):

MAIL TAX INFORMATION TO: Name: _____

Address: _____

FOR ASSESSOR'S
USE ONLY:

NOTICE: A lien for property taxes applies to your property on January 1 of each year for the taxes owing in the following fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. One-half of these taxes is due November 1, and one-half is due February 1. The first installment becomes delinquent on December 10, and the second installment becomes delinquent on April 10. One tax bill is mailed before November 1 to the owner of record. If this transfer occurs after January 1 and on or before December 31, you may be responsible for the second installment of taxes due February 1.

The property which you acquired may be subject to a supplemental tax assessment in an amount to be determined by the (name of county) County Assessor. For further information on your supplemental roll tax obligation, please call the (name of county) County Assessor at (phone number).

I. Transfer Information:

- A. Was this transfer solely between husband & wife, addition of a spouse, death of a spouse, divorce settlement, etc.? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- B. Was this transaction only a correction of the name(s) of the person(s) holding title to the property? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- C. Was this document recorded to create, terminate, or reconvey a lender's interest in the property? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- D. Was this document recorded to substitute a trustee under a deed of trust, mortgage, or other similar document? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- E. Did this transfer result in the creation of a joint tenancy in which the seller (transferor) remains as one of the joint tenants? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- F. Return of property to person who created the joint tenancy? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- G. Is this transfer of property:
- a. to a trust for the benefit of the grantor? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- b. to a revocable trust? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- c. to a trust from which the property reverts to the grantor within 12 years? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- H. If this property is the subject of a lease, is the lease for a term of less than 35 years including written options? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- I. If the conveying document constitutes an exclusion from a change in ownership as defined in Section 62 of the Revenue & Taxation Code for any reason other than those listed above, set forth the specific exclusion claimed: _____

* IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "NO" TO QUESTIONS A THROUGH H, INCLUSIVE, AND HAVE NOT CLAIMED ANY OTHER EXCLUSIONS UNDER I, PLEASE COMPLETE BALANCE OF FORM. OTHERWISE SIGN AND DATE.

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2. Type of property transferred:
 - a. ☐ Single-family residence
 - b. ☐ Multiple-family residence (no. of units: _____)
 - c. ☐ Co-op
 - d. ☐ Condo
 - e. ☐ Manufactured home
 - f. ☐ Unimproved lot
 - g. ☐ Commercial/Industrial
 - h. ☐ Other (description: _____)
3. Intended as principal residence? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
4. Transfer is by:-
 - a. ☐ Deed; b. ☐ Contract of sale;
 - c. ☐ Other—explain: _____
5. Is less than 100% of property being transferred? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
6. a. ☐ Date of transfer or; b. ☐ If an inheritance,
date of death: _____
7. Is or will, the property produce(ing) income? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
8. If answer to Question 4 is yes, is income pursuant to:-
 - a. ☐ Lease; b. ☐ Contract; c. ☐ Mineral rights;
 - d. ☐ Other—explain: _____
9. Did the transfer of this property involve the trade or exchange of other real property? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
10. a. Total Purchase Price or Acquisition Price, If Exchanged: \$ _____
- b. Cash Downpayment or Value of Trade (excluding closing costs): \$ _____
- c. 1st Deed of Trust \$ _____
 at _____% interest for _____ years.
 New Loan ☐; Assumed Existing Loan Balance ☐;
 FHA ☐; Cal-Vet ☐; VA ☐; Bank ☐; Finance Co. ☐;
 Savings & Loan ☐; Loan Carried By Seller ☐;
 All Inclusive ☐; Balloon Payment: Yes ☐ No ☐.
- d. 2nd Deed of Trust \$ _____
 at _____% interest for _____ years.
 New Loan ☐; Assumed Existing Loan Balance ☐;
 Loan Carried By Seller ☐; Balloon Payment: Yes ☐ No ☐.
- e. Was other type of financing involved not covered in (c) or (d), above? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
- f. Improvement Bond: Yes ☐ No ☐; Outstanding Balance \$ _____
11. Was any personal property involved in purchase other than a mobilehome on real property? a. ☐ YES b. ☐ NO
 c. AMOUNT _____

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I certify that the foregoing is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(New Owner/Corporate Officer)

Address if other than above: _____

Phone No. Where You Are Available From 8:00 am-5:00 pm: () _____
(NOTE: The Assessor may contact you for further information.)

(b) The State Board of Equalization may revise the *Equalization, after consultation with the California Assessors' Association and interested parties, shall prescribe the preliminary change of ownership report, as necessary*, for the purpose of maintaining statewide uniformity in the contents of the report.

~~(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1991.~~

SEC. 9. Notwithstanding Section 2229 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made by this act and the state shall not reimburse any local agency for any property tax revenues lost by it pursuant to this act.

SEC. 10. 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 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

CORRECTIONS:

Text—Pages 15, 16, 17, 18.