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Property Tax Notice Amendments

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	eneral Description:
	This bill modifies the property tax valuation notice requirements.
Н	ighlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	requires a county auditor to include on the property tax valuation notice:
	• a statement that a property owner who is 75 years old or older may be eligible for a
de	eferral on the property owner's primary residence; and
	• a telephone number to obtain information about how to apply for a deferral; and
	 makes technical corrections.
M	Ioney Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
o	ther Special Clauses:
	This bill provides retrospective operation.
U	tah Code Sections Affected:
A	MENDS:
	59-2-919.1 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 246
B	e it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 59-2-919.1 is amended to read:
	59-2-919.1 . Notice of property valuation and tax changes.
(1) In addition to the notice requirements of Section 59-2-919, the county auditor, on or
	before July 22 of each year, shall notify each owner of real estate who is listed on the
	assessment roll.
(2	2) The notice described in Subsection (1) shall:
	(a) except as provided in Subsection $[(4)]$ (5) , be sent to all owners of real property by
	mail 10 or more days before the day on which:
	(i) the county board of equalization meets; and

(ii) the taxing entity holds a public hearing on the proposed increase in the certified

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32	tax rate;
33	(b) be on a form that is:
34	(i) approved by the commission; and
35	(ii) uniform in content in all counties in the state; and
36	(c) contain for each property:
37	(i) the assessor's determination of the value of the property;
38	(ii) the taxable value of the property;
39	(iii)(A) the deadline for the taxpayer to make an application to appeal the
40	valuation or equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1004; or
41	(B) for property assessed by the commission, the deadline for the taxpayer to
42	apply to the commission for a hearing on an objection to the valuation or
43	equalization of the property under Section 59-2-1007;
44	(iv) for a property assessed by the commission, a statement that the taxpayer may not
45	appeal the valuation or equalization of the property to the county board of
46	equalization;
47	(v) itemized tax information for all applicable taxing entities, including:
48	(A) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability for the property in the prior
49	year; and
50	(B) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the current rate;
51	(vi) the following, stated separately:
52	(A) the charter school levy described in Section 53F-2-703;
53	(B) the multicounty assessing and collecting levy described in Subsection
54	59-2-1602(2);
55	(C) the county assessing and collecting levy described in Subsection 59-2-1602(4)
5 6	(D) levies for debt service voted on by the public;
58	(E) levies imposed for special purposes under Section 10-6-133.4;
59	(F) [for a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2023,]the combined basic rate
60	as defined in Section 53F-2-301; and
61	(G) if applicable, the annual payment described in Subsection 63H-1-501(4)(a);
62	(vii) the tax impact on the property;
63	(viii) the date, time, and place of the required public hearing for each entity;
64	(ix) property tax information pertaining to:
65	(A) taxpayer relief;
66	(B) options for payment of taxes;

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67	(C) collection procedures; and
68	(D) the residential exemption described in Section 59-2-103;
69	(x) information specifically authorized to be included on the notice under this chapter;
70	(xi) the last property review date of the property as described in Subsection
71	59-2-303.1(1)(c);
72	(xii) instructions on how the taxpayer may obtain additional information regarding
73	the valuation of the property, including the characteristics and features of the
74	property, from at least one the following sources:
75	(A) a website maintained by the county; or
76	(B) the county assessor's office; and
77	(xiii) other information approved by the commission.
78	(3) If a taxing entity that is subject to the notice and hearing requirements of Subsection
79	59-2-919(4) proposes a tax increase, the notice described in Subsection (1) shall state, in
80	addition to the information required by Subsection (2):
81	(a) the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability if the proposed increase is approved;
82	(b) the difference between the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability if the
83	proposed increase is approved and the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability
84	under the current rate, placed in close proximity to the information described in
85	Subsection (2)(c)(viii);
86	(c) the percentage increase that the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax liability under the
87	proposed tax rate represents as compared to the dollar amount of the taxpayer's tax
88	liability under the current tax rate; and
89	(d) for each taxing entity proposing a tax increase, the dollar amount of additional ad
90	valorem tax revenue, as defined in Section 59-2-919, that would be generated each
91	year if the proposed tax increase is approved.
92	(4) In addition to any other tax relief information required under Subsection (2)(c)(ix)(A), a
93	notice sent to a residential property shall:
94	(a) state, "If you are 75 years old or older and this property is your primary residence,
95	you may be eligible to defer payment of this property tax."; and
96	(b) include a telephone number, or a website address on which a telephone number is
97	prominently listed, that the property owner may call to obtain additional information
98	about applying for a deferral.
99	[(4)] (5)(a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection $[(4)]$ (5), a county auditor
100	may provide, at the county auditor's discretion, [provide] the notice required by this

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101 section to a taxpayer by electronic means if a taxpayer makes an election, according 102 to procedures determined by the county auditor, to receive the notice by electronic 103 means. 104 (b)(i) If a county auditor sends a notice required by this section [is sent-]by 105 electronic means, [a] the county auditor shall attempt to verify whether a taxpayer 106 receives the notice. 107 (ii) If the county auditor cannot verify receipt of the notice sent by electronic means [108 cannot be verified 114 days or more before the county board of equalization meets 109 and the taxing entity holds a public hearing on a proposed increase in the certified 110 tax rate, the county auditor shall send the notice required by this section [shall also 111 be sent by mail as provided in Subsection (2). 112 (c) A taxpayer may revoke an election to receive the notice required by this section by 113 electronic means if the taxpayer provides written notice to the county auditor on or 114 before April 30. 115 (d) An election or a revocation of an election under this Subsection [(4)] (5): 116 (i) does not relieve a taxpayer of the duty to pay a tax due under this chapter on or 117 before the due date for paying the tax; or 118 (ii) does not alter the requirement that a taxpayer appealing the valuation or the 119 equalization of the taxpayer's real property submit the application for appeal 120 within the time period provided in Subsection 59-2-1004(3). 121 (e) A county auditor shall provide the notice required by this section as provided in 122 Subsection (2), until a taxpayer makes a new election in accordance with this 123 Subsection [(4)] (5), if: 124 (i) the taxpayer revokes an election in accordance with Subsection $[\frac{(4)(e)}{(2)}]$ (5)(c) to 125 receive the notice required by this section by electronic means; or 126 (ii) the county auditor finds that the taxpayer's electronic contact information is 127 invalid. 128 (f) A person is considered to be a taxpayer for purposes of this Subsection [(4)] (5) 129 regardless of whether the property that is the subject of the notice required by this 130 section is exempt from taxation. 131 Section 2. Effective date. 132 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025. 133 Section 3. **Retrospective operation.** 134 This bill provides retrospective operation to January 1, 2025.