1	AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPERTY TAX
2	VALUATION AGENCY FUND ASSESSING AND
3	COLLECTING LEVY
4	2005 GENERAL SESSION
5	STATE OF UTAH
6	Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson
7 8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill amends provisions of the Property Tax Act relating to the Property Tax
11	Valuation Agency Fund and the multicounty assessing and collecting levy from which
12	the fund is derived.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	 reduces the maximum rate of the multicounty assessing and collecting levy that
16	funds the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund from .0003 to .0002;
17	 provides that a county may not receive funds from the Property Tax Valuation
18	Agency Fund unless the county levies an additional property tax of at least .0003
19	per dollar of the taxable value of taxable property reported by the county;
20	 provides that the levy of an additional property tax referred to previously is:
21	• for the 2005 calendar year, exempt from the notice and hearing requirements of
22	Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919; and
23	• beginning on January 1, 2006, subject to the notice and hearing requirements of
24	Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919;
25	places limitations on the amounts that may be:
26	• collected from counties for the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund; and
27	• distributed to counties from the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund;

 provides that a county tax levied to fund legislative or state mandated actions, or
judicial or administrative orders, may be included on the tax notice with the county
assessing and collecting levy as part of the countywide aggregate tax rate; and
 makes technical changes.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
59-2-906.1, as last amended by Chapter 320, Laws of Utah 2003
59-2-906.2, as enacted by Chapter 243, Laws of Utah 1993
59-2-906.3, as last amended by Chapter 291, Laws of Utah 2002
59-2-906.4, as enacted by Chapter 243, Laws of Utah 1993
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59	counties[,]; and [the]
60	(iii) efficient administration of the property tax system, including the costs of
61	assessment, collection, and distribution of property taxes.
62	(d) Income derived from the investment of money in the fund created in this
63	Subsection (1) shall be deposited in and become part of the fund.
64	(2) (a) [Except as authorized in] Subject to Subsection (2)(b), [beginning in fiscal year
65	1996-97] in order to fund the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund, the Legislature shall
66	authorize the amount of the multicounty assessing and collecting levy[, except that the].
67	(b) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy may not exceed the certified revenue
68	levy as defined in Section 59-2-102[-], unless:
69	[(b) If] (i) the Legislature authorizes a multicounty assessing and collecting levy that
70	exceeds the certified revenue levy[; it is subject to]; and
71	(ii) the state complies with the notice requirements of Section 59-2-926.
72	[(c) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1998, and ending December 31,
73	1998, the certified revenue levy shall be increased by the amount necessary to offset the
74	decrease in revenues from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-405
75	as a result of the decrease in uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section 59-2-405
76	enacted by the Legislature during the 1997 Annual General Session.]
77	[(d) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 1999, and ending on December 31,
78	1999, the certified revenue levy shall be adjusted by the amount necessary to offset the
79	adjustment in revenues from uniform fees on tangible personal property under Section
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81	Section 59-2-405.1 enacted by the Legislature during the 1998 Annual General Session.]
82	(3) (a) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy authorized by the Legislature
83	under Subsection (2) shall be separately stated on the tax notice as a multicounty assessing and
84	collecting levy.
85	(b) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy authorized by the Legislature under
86	Subsection (2) is:
87	(i) exempt from the redevelopment provisions of Sections 17B-4-1003 and
88	17B-4-1004;
89	(ii) in addition to and exempt from the maximum levies allowable under Section

90	59-2-908; and
91	(iii) exempt from the notice requirements of Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.
92	(c) (i) Each county shall transmit quarterly to the state treasurer the portion of the
93	[.0003] .0002 multicounty assessing and collecting levy which is above the amount to which
94	that county is entitled to under Section 59-2-906.2.
95	[(i)] (ii) The revenue transmitted under Subsection (3)(c)(i) shall be transmitted no
96	later than the tenth day of the month following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is
97	collected.
98	[(iii)] (iii) If revenue transmitted under Subsection (3)(c)(i) is transmitted after the tenth
99	day of the month following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected, the county
100	shall pay an interest penalty at the rate of 10% each year until the revenue is transmitted.
101	(d) The state treasurer shall deposit in the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund the:
102	(i) revenue from the multicounty assessing and collecting levy[, any];
103	(ii) interest accrued from that levy[7]; and [any]
104	(iii) penalties received under Subsection (3)(c)(iii) [in the Property Tax Valuation
105	Agency Fund].
106	(4) (a) [Each county may levy] A county may not receive funds from the Property Tax
107	Valuation Agency Fund unless the county levies an additional property tax [up to .0002] of at
108	least .0003 per dollar of taxable value of taxable property as reported by each county. [This]
109	(b) The levy described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be stated on the tax notice as a county
110	assessing and collecting levy.
111	[(a)] (c) The purpose of the levy established in this Subsection (4) is to promote the:
112	(i) accurate valuation of property[, the];
113	(ii) establishment and maintenance of uniform assessment levels within and among
114	counties[,]; and [the]
115	(iii) efficient administration of the property tax system, including the costs of
116	assessment, collection, and distribution of property taxes.
117	[(b) Any] (d) A levy established in Subsection (4)(a) is:
118	(i) exempt from the redevelopment provisions of Sections 17B-4-1003 and
119	17B-4-1004;
120	(ii) in addition to and exempt from the maximum levies allowable under Section

121	59-2-908; [and]
122	(iii) [is subject to] for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2005, and ending on
123	December 31, 2005, exempt from the notice and hearing requirements of Sections 59-2-918
124	and 59-2-919[.]; and
125	(iv) beginning on January 1, 2006, subject to the notice and hearing requirements of
126	Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.
127	Section 2. Section 59-2-906.2 is amended to read:
128	59-2-906.2. Disbursement of monies in the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund
129	Use of funds.
130	(1) Beginning January 1, 1994, the state auditor shall authorize disbursement of money
131	from the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund to each county as follows:
132	(a) <u>subject to Subsection (6)</u> , each county of the first class shall receive a disbursement
133	of 94.5% of the funds transmitted to the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund by such
134	counties; and
135	(b) <u>subject to Subsection (7)</u> , money derived from funds transmitted by counties of the
136	second through sixth class and any remaining monies not distributed under Subsection (1)(a)
137	shall be disbursed pro rata to counties of the second through sixth class based upon the number
138	of adjusted parcel units in each county as determined in Subsection (2).
139	(2) (a) The number of adjusted parcel units in a county shall be determined by
140	multiplying the sum of the following by the county parcel factor:
141	(i) the number of residential parcels multiplied by 2;
142	(ii) the number of commercial parcels multiplied by 4; and
143	(iii) the number of all other parcels multiplied by 1.
144	(b) For purposes of this subsection, the county parcel factor is:
145	(i) 0.9 for counties of the second class;
146	(ii) 1.0 for counties of the third class;
147	(iii) 1.05 for counties of the fourth class;
148	(iv) 1.15 for counties of the fifth class; and
149	(v) 1.3 for counties of the sixth class.
150	(3) Money in the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund on the 10th day of the month

151 following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected shall, upon authorization by

152	the state auditor, be transmitted by the state treasurer according to the disbursement formula
152	determined under Subsection (2) no later than five working days after the 10th day of the
154	month following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected.
155	(4) If money in the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund on the 10th day of the month
156	following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected is not transmitted to a county
157	within five working days of the 10th day of that month, except as provided for in Subsection
158	(3), income from the investment of that money shall be:
159	(a) deposited in and become part of the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund; and
160	(a) deposited in the second part of the Property Fail valuation (Figure) Fails, and(b) disbursed to the county in the next quarter.
161	(5) A county shall use money disbursed from the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund
162	for:
163	(a) establishing and maintaining accurate property valuations and uniform assessment
164	levels as required by Section 59-2-103; and
165	(b) improving the efficiency of the property tax system.
166	(6) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (6), "retained funds" means the difference
167	between:
168	(i) the funds transmitted by a county of the first class to the Property Tax Valuation
169	Agency Fund under Subsection (1)(a); and
170	(ii) the disbursement described in Subsection (1)(a).
171	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), if the retained funds are:
172	(i) less than \$250,000, the disbursement described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be reduced
173	by the difference between:
174	(A) \$250,000; and
175	(B) the retained funds; and
176	(ii) more than \$500,000, the disbursement described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be
177	increased by the difference between:
178	(A) the retained funds; and
179	<u>(B) \$500,000.</u>
180	(7) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b):
181	(a) if the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the second class is:
182	(i) less than \$100,000, the amount disbursed under Subsection (1)(b) to a county of the

183	second class shall be reduced by the difference between:
184	(A) \$100,000; and
185	(B) the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the second class;
186	and
187	(ii) more than \$250,000, the amount disbursed under Subsection (1)(b) to a county of
188	the second class shall be increased by the difference between:
189	(A) the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the second class;
190	and
191	<u>(B) \$250,000;</u>
192	(b) if the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the third class is
193	more than \$250,000, the amount disbursed under Subsection (1)(b) to a county of the third
194	class shall be increased by the difference between:
195	(i) the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the third class; and
196	<u>(ii) \$250,000;</u>
197	(c) if the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the fourth class is
198	more than \$100,000, the amount disbursed under Subsection (1)(b) to a county of the fourth
199	class shall be increased by the difference between:
200	(i) the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the fourth class; and
201	(ii) \$100,000; and
202	(d) the amount disbursed under Subsection (1)(b) to a county of the fifth or sixth class
203	shall not be less than the amount transmitted under Subsection (1)(b) by a county of the fifth or
204	sixth class.
205	Section 3. Section 59-2-906.3 is amended to read:
206	59-2-906.3. Additional levies by counties.
207	(1) (a) [Beginning January 1, 1994, a] A county may levy an additional tax to fund
208	state mandated actions to meet legislative mandates or judicial or administrative orders which
209	relate to promoting the accurate valuation of property, the establishment and maintenance of
210	uniform assessment levels within and among counties, and the administration of the property
211	tax system.
212	(b) An additional rate levied under this Subsection $(1)(a)$:
213	[(a)] (i) shall be stated on the tax notice[, and];

214	(ii) may be included on the tax notice with the county assessing and collecting levy
215	authorized under Subsection 59-2-906.1(4) as part of the countywide aggregate tax rate;
216	[(b)] (iii) may not be included in determining the maximum allowable levy for the
217	county or other taxing entities; and
218	[(c)] (iv) is subject to the notice requirements of Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.
219	(2) (a) [Beginning January 1, 1994, a] A county may levy an additional tax for
220	reappraisal programs that:
221	(i) are formally adopted by the county legislative body; and [which]
222	(ii) conform to tax commission rules.
223	(b) An additional rate levied under [this] Subsection (2)(a):
224	[(a)] (i) shall be stated on the tax notice[, and];
225	(ii) may be included on the tax notice with the county assessing and collecting levy
226	authorized under Subsection 59-2-906.1(4) as part of the countywide aggregate tax rate;
227	[(b)] (iii) may not be included in determining the maximum allowable levy for the
228	county or other taxing entities; and
229	[(c)] (iv) is subject to the notice requirements of Sections 59-2-918 and 59-2-919.
230	Section 4. Section 59-2-906.4 is amended to read:
231	59-2-906.4. Accounting records for levies.
232	Each county shall separately budget and account for the use of any monies received or
233	expended under a levy imposed under Section 59-2-906.1, 59-2-906.2, or 59-2-906.3.
234	Section 5. Section 59-2-918 is amended to read:
235	59-2-918. Advertisement of proposed tax increase Notice Contents.
236	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), a taxing entity may not budget an
237	increased amount of ad valorem tax revenue exclusive of revenue from new growth as defined
238	in Subsection 59-2-924(2) unless it advertises its intention to do so at the same time that it
239	advertises its intention to fix its budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.
240	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a taxing entity is not required to meet the
241	advertisement requirements of this section if the taxing entity:
242	(i) collected less than \$15,000 in ad valorem tax revenues for the previous fiscal
243	year[.]: or
244	(ii) is expressly exempted by law from complying with the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) For taxing entities operating under a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, the
advertisement required by this section may be combined with the advertisement required by
Section 59-2-919.

(b) For taxing entities operating under a January 1 through December 31 fiscal year,
the advertisement required by this section shall meet the size, type, placement, and frequency
requirements established under Section 59-2-919.

(3) The form of the advertisement <u>required by this section</u> shall meet the size, type,
placement, and frequency requirements established under Section 59-2-919 and shall be
substantially as follows:

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"NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

255 The (name of the taxing entity) is proposing to increase its property tax revenue. As a 256 result of the proposed increase, the tax on a (insert the average value of a residence in the 257 taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence will be \$, and the tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity 258 259 will be_____. Without the proposed increase, the tax on a (insert the average value of a 260 residence in the taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence would be 261 \$_____, and the tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a 262 residence in the taxing entity would be .

This would be an increase of _____%, which is \$_____ per year (\$_____ per month) on a (insert the average value of a residence in the taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence or \$_____ per year on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity. With new growth, this property tax increase, and other factors, (name of taxing entity) will increase its property tax revenue from \$_____ collected last year to \$_____ collected this year which is a revenue increase of _____%.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on (date and time) at (meeting place)."

(4) If a final decision regarding the budgeting of an increased amount of ad valorem tax
revenue is not made at the public hearing <u>described in Subsection (3)</u>, the taxing entity shall
announce at the public hearing the scheduled time and place for consideration and adoption of
the proposed budget increase.

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(5) (a) Each taxing entity operating under the January 1 through December 31 fiscal

276	year shall by March 1 notify the county of the date, time, and place of the public hearing at
277	which the budget for the following fiscal year will be considered.
278	(b) The county shall include the information described in Subsection (5)(a) with the tax
279	notice.
280	(6) A taxing entity shall hold a public hearing under this section beginning at or after 6
281	p.m.
282	Section 6. Section 59-2-919 is amended to read:
283	59-2-919. Resolution proposing tax increases Notice Contents of notice of
284	proposed tax increase Personal mailed notice in addition to advertisement Contents
285	of personal mailed notice Hearing Dates.
286	A tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate may not be levied until a resolution has
287	been approved by the taxing entity in accordance with the following procedure:
288	(1) (a) (i) The taxing entity shall advertise its intent to exceed the certified tax rate in a
289	newspaper or combination of newspapers of general circulation in the taxing entity.
290	(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a)(i), a taxing entity is not required to meet the
291	advertisement requirements of this section if the taxing entity:
292	(A) collected less than \$15,000 in ad valorem tax revenues for the previous fiscal
293	year[.]; or
294	(B) is expressly exempted by law from complying with the requirements of this
295	section.
296	(b) The advertisement described in this section shall:
297	(i) be no less than 1/4 page in size [and the type used shall be]:
298	(ii) use type no smaller than 18 point[;]; and
299	(iii) be surrounded by a 1/4-inch border.
300	(c) The advertisement described in this section may not be placed in that portion of the
301	newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear.
302	(d) It is [legislative] the intent of the Legislature that[;]:
303	(i) whenever possible, the advertisement described in this section appear in a
304	newspaper that is published at least one day per week[-]; and
305	[(e) It is further the intent of the Legislature that]
306	(ii) the newspaper or combination of newspapers selected:

307	(A) be of general interest and readership in the taxing entity $[,];$ and
308	(B) not be of limited subject matter.
309	[(f)] (e) The advertisement described in this section shall:
310	(i) be run once each week for the two weeks preceding the adoption of the final
311	budget[-]; and
312	[(g) The advertisement shall]
313	(ii) state that the taxing entity will meet on a certain day, time, and place fixed in the
314	advertisement, which shall be not less than seven days after the day the first advertisement is
315	published, for the purpose of hearing comments regarding any proposed increase and to explain
316	the reasons for the proposed increase.
317	[(h)] (f) The meeting on the proposed increase may coincide with the hearing on the
318	proposed budget of the taxing entity.
319	(2) The form and content of the notice shall be substantially as follows:
320	"NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
321	The (name of the taxing entity) is proposing to increase its property tax revenue. As a
322	result of the proposed increase, the tax on a (insert the average value of a residence in the
323	taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence will be \$, and the
324	tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity
325	will be \$ Without the proposed increase the tax on a (insert the average value of a
326	residence in the taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence would be
327	\$, and the tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a
328	residence in the taxing entity would be \$
329	The (insert year) proposed tax rate is Without the proposed increase, the
330	rate would be This would be an increase of%, which is \$ per year
331	(\$ per month) on a (insert the average value of a residence in the taxing entity rounded
332	to the nearest thousand dollars) residence or \$ per year on a business having the same
333	value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity. With new growth, this property
334	tax increase, and other factors, (name of taxing entity) will increase its property tax revenue
335	from \$ collected last year to \$ collected this year which is a revenue increase of
336	<u>%</u> .
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338	(date and time) at (meeting place)."
339	(3) The commission:
340	(a) shall adopt rules governing the joint use of one advertisement under this section or
341	Section 59-2-918 by two or more taxing entities; and
342	(b) may, upon petition by any taxing entity, authorize either:
343	[(a)] (i) the use of weekly newspapers in counties having both daily and weekly
344	newspapers where the weekly newspaper would provide equal or greater notice to the taxpayer;
345	or
346	[(b)] (ii) the use of a commission-approved direct notice to each taxpayer if the:
347	(A) cost of the advertisement would cause undue hardship: and [the]
348	(B) direct notice is different and separate from that provided for in Subsection (4) .
349	(4) (a) In addition to providing the notice required by Subsections (1) and (2), the
350	county auditor, on or before July 22 of each year, shall notify, by mail, each owner of real
351	estate as defined in Section 59-2-102 who is listed on the assessment roll.
352	(b) The notice described in Subsection (4)(a) shall:
353	[(a)] (i) be sent to all owners of real property by mail not less than ten days before the
354	day on which:
355	[(i)] (A) the county board of equalization meets; and
356	[(ii)] (B) the taxing entity holds a public hearing on the proposed increase in the
357	certified tax rate;
358	[(b) the notice shall]
359	(ii) be printed on a form that is:
360	[(i)] (A) approved by the commission; and
361	[(ii)] (B) uniform in content in all counties in the state; and
362	[(c)] <u>(iii)</u> contain for each property:
363	[(i)] (A) the value of the property;
364	[(ii)] (B) the date the county board of equalization will meet to hear complaints on the
365	valuation;
366	[(iii)] (C) itemized tax information for all taxing entities, including a separate
367	statement for the minimum school levy under Section 53A-17a-135 stating:
368	[(A)] (I) the dollar amount the taxpayer would have paid based on last year's rate; and

369	[(B)] (II) the amount of the taxpayer's liability under the current rate;
370	[(iv)] (D) the tax impact on the property;
371	[(v)] (E) the time and place of the required public hearing for each entity;
372	[(vi)] (F) property tax information pertaining to:
373	(I) taxpayer relief[,];
374	(II) options for payment of taxes[;]; and
375	(III) collection procedures;
376	[(vii) other] (G) information specifically authorized to be included on the notice under
377	Title 59, Chapter 2, Property Tax Act; and
378	[(viii)] (H) other property tax information approved by the commission.
379	(5) (a) The taxing entity, after holding a hearing as provided in this section, may adopt
380	a resolution levying a tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate.
381	(b) If a resolution adopting a tax rate is not adopted on the day of the public hearing,
382	the scheduled time and place for consideration and adoption of the resolution shall be
383	announced at the public hearing.
384	(c) If a resolution adopting a tax rate is to be considered at a day and time that is more
385	than two weeks after the public hearing described in Subsection $(4)[(c)(v)](b)(iii)(E)$, a taxing
386	entity, other than a taxing entity described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), shall advertise the date of
387	the proposed adoption of the resolution in the same manner as provided under Subsections (1)
388	and (2).
389	(6) (a) All hearings described in this section shall be open to the public.
390	(b) The governing body of a taxing entity conducting a hearing shall permit all
391	interested parties desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within
392	reasonable time limits.
393	(7) (a) Each taxing entity shall notify the county legislative body by March 1 of each
394	year of the date, time, and place [of its] a public hearing is held by the taxing entity pursuant to
395	this section.
396	(b) A taxing entity may not schedule [its] <u>a</u> hearing <u>described in this section</u> at the
397	same time as another overlapping taxing entity in the same county, but all taxing entities in
398	which the power to set tax levies is vested in the same governing board or authority may
399	consolidate the required hearings into one hearing.

- 400 (c) The county legislative body shall resolve any conflicts in hearing dates and times
- 401 after consultation with each affected taxing entity.
- 402 (8) A taxing entity shall hold a public hearing under this section beginning at or after 6403 p.m.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

No net fiscal impact. There could be a potential shift in revenues between entities.

Individual and Business Impact

No net fiscal impact.

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