

**MULTICOUNTY ASSESSING AND COLLECTING LEVY**

**AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to the multicounty assessing and collecting levy.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the tax rate of the multicounty assessing and collecting levy;
- amends the allocation of revenue collected from the multicounty assessing and collecting levy; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides retrospective operation.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**59-2-1601**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 270

**59-2-1602**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 270

**59-2-1606**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 307

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **59-2-1601** is amended to read:

**59-2-1601. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "County additional property tax" means the property tax levy described in Subsection 59-2-1602(4).

(2) "Fund" means the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund created in Section 59-2-1602.

(3) "Multicounty Appraisal Trust" means the Multicounty Appraisal Trust created by an agreement:

(a) entered into by all of the counties in the state; and

(b) authorized by Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

(4) "Multicounty assessing and collecting levy" means a property tax levied in accordance with Subsection 59-2-1602(2).

(5) "Statewide property tax system" means a computer assisted system for mass appraisal, equalization, collection, distribution, and administration related to property tax, created in accordance with Section 59-2-1606.

Section 2. Section 59-2-1602 is amended to read:

**59-2-1602. Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund -- Creation -- Statewide levy -- Additional county levy.**

(1) (a) There is created an agency fund known as the "Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund."

(b) The fund consists of:

(i) deposits made and penalties received under Subsection (3); and

(ii) interest on money deposited into the fund.

(c) Deposits, penalties, and interest described in Subsection (1)(b) shall be disbursed and used as provided in Section 59-2-1603.

(2) (a) Each county shall annually impose a multicounty assessing and collecting levy as provided in this Subsection (2).

(b) The tax rate of the multicounty assessing and collecting levy is:

58 ~~[(i) for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2014, .000013; and]~~

59 (i) for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1,  
60 2025, .000012; and

61 (ii) for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, [2015] 2025, the certified  
62 revenue levy.

63 ~~[(c) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy may not exceed the certified~~  
64 ~~revenue levy as defined in Section 59-2-102, unless:]~~

65 ~~[(i) the Legislature authorizes a multicounty assessing and collecting levy that exceeds~~  
66 ~~the certified revenue levy; and]~~

67 ~~[(ii) the state complies with the notice requirements of Section 59-2-926.]~~

68 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) [Revenue] The state treasurer shall allocate revenue collected from the  
69 multicounty assessing and collecting levy ~~[shall be allocated]~~ as follows:

70 ~~[(i) 82% of the revenue collected shall be deposited into the Multicounty Appraisal~~  
71 ~~Trust; and]~~

72 ~~[(ii)]~~ (i) 18% of the revenue collected from the base rate shall be deposited into the  
73 Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund[-], up to \$500,000 annually; and

74 (ii) after the deposit described in Subsection (2)(c)(i), all remaining revenue collected  
75 from the multicounty assessing and collecting levy shall be deposited into the Multicounty  
76 Appraisal Trust.

77 (3) (a) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy imposed under Subsection (2)  
78 shall be separately stated on the tax notice as a multicounty assessing and collecting levy.

79 (b) The multicounty assessing and collecting levy is:

80 (i) exempt from Sections 17C-1-403 through 17C-1-406;

81 (ii) in addition to and exempt from the maximum levies allowable under Section  
82 59-2-908; and

83 (iii) exempt from the notice and public hearing requirements of Section 59-2-919.

84 (c) (i) Each county shall transmit quarterly to the state treasurer the revenue collected  
85 from the multicounty assessing and collecting levy.

(ii) The revenue transmitted under Subsection (3)(c)(i) shall be transmitted no later than the tenth day of the month following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected.

(iii) If revenue transmitted under Subsection (3)(c)(i) is transmitted after the tenth day of the month following the end of the quarter in which the revenue is collected, the county shall pay an interest penalty at the rate of 10% each year until the revenue is transmitted.

(d) The state treasurer shall allocate the penalties received under this Subsection (3) in the same manner as revenue is allocated under Subsection (2)(d).

(4) (a) A county may levy a county additional property tax in accordance with this Subsection (4).

(b) The county additional property tax:

(i) shall be separately stated on the tax notice as a county assessing and collecting levy;

(ii) may not be incorporated into the rate of any other levy;

(iii) is exempt from Sections 17C-1-403 through 17C-1-406; and

(iv) is in addition to and exempt from the maximum levies allowable under Section 59-2-908.

(c) Revenue collected from the county additional property tax shall be used to:

(i) promote the accurate valuation and uniform assessment levels of property as required by Section 59-2-103;

(ii) promote the efficient administration of the property tax system, including the costs of assessment, collection, and distribution of property taxes;

(iii) fund state mandated actions to meet legislative mandates or judicial or administrative orders that relate to promoting:

(A) the accurate valuation of property; and

(B) the establishment and maintenance of uniform assessment levels within and among counties; and

(iv) establish reappraisal programs that:

(A) are adopted by a resolution or ordinance of the county legislative body; and

(B) conform to rules the commission makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 3. Section **59-2-1606** is amended to read:

**59-2-1606. Statewide property tax system funding for counties -- Disbursements to the Multicounty Appraisal Trust -- Use of funds.**

~~[(1) As used in this section, "CAMA" means computer assisted mass appraisal.]~~

~~[(2)-(a)]~~ (1) The funds deposited into the Multicounty Appraisal Trust in accordance with Section **59-2-1602** shall be used to provide funding for a statewide ~~[CAMA]~~ property tax system that will promote:

~~[(i)]~~ (a) the accurate valuation of property;

~~[(ii)]~~ (b) the establishment and maintenance of uniform assessment levels among counties within the state;

~~[(iii)]~~ (c) efficient administration of the property tax system, including the costs of assessment, collection, and distribution of property taxes; and

~~[(iv)]~~ (d) the uniform filing of a signed statement a county assessor requests under Section **59-2-306**, including implementation of a statewide electronic filing system.

~~[(b)]~~ (2) The trustee of the Multicounty Appraisal Trust shall:

~~[(i)]~~ (a) determine which projects to fund; and

~~[(ii)]~~ (b) oversee the administration of a statewide ~~[CAMA]~~ property tax system.

Section 4. **Retrospective operation.**

This bill has retrospective operation to January 1, 2020.