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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes taxpayers within previously exempted counties to utilize certain procedures when appealing property valuations of industrial and commercial real and tangible personal property. Clarifies the timeline and penalties assessed during and after a property tax assessment appeal process.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1412(b)(2):
  - Taxpayers may, with the written consent of the Assessor, appeal the valuation of industrial and commercial real and tangible property to the local board of equalization, or directly to the State Board of Equalization (SBOE);
  - If the Assessor does not concur with the direct appeal to the SBOE within a specific time frame, then the taxpayer shall appeal first to the local board of equalization; and
  - If the Assessor fails to provide notice within the specific time frame, or concurs with the direct appeal, the taxpayer shall appeal directly to the SBOE.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1412(b)(3), the ability to conduct such appeals directly to the SBOE, with the consent of the Assessor, is removed from 37 counties.
- The proposed language would make the direct appeals process applicable to all counties.
- According to the SBOE, this appeal option is used infrequently; therefore it is anticipated that any increase in appeals filed can be accommodated utilizing existing staff and resources. Any impact to state government is considered not significant.
- Any decrease in appeals filed with local boards of equalization will be not significant. Any impact to local government is considered not significant.
- The proposed language clarifies and streamlines certain language regarding the timelines and penalties assessed during and after a property tax assessment appeal; however no substantive changes are made to the current timeline and penalty structure.
- The proposed language is not estimated to result in any significant impact to local government property tax revenue; therefore the fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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