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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning property tax information posted on the web  
2 page of the Division of Local Government Services in the  
3 Department of Community Affairs and supplementing Title 52 of  
4 the Revised Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. The Division of Local Government Services in the  
10 Department of Community Affairs shall post on its Internet web  
11 page a summary of property tax data for each calendar year.

12 The property tax data summary shall provide the public with  
13 information about the property tax levy for the previous year in each  
14 county, municipality, fire district, and school district in the State, and  
15 shall include such other statistical information as the division  
16 determines to be useful for the public's understanding of the individual  
17 components that make up each taxpayer's property tax bill.

18 In each year, the data shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
19 the amount of the average residential property tax bill for each  
20 municipality in the State, the amount of the average homestead  
21 credit payment credited against the average property tax bill for  
22 each municipality, and the net average residential property tax bill  
23 for each municipality, which shall be the remainder of the average  
24 residential property tax bill minus the average homestead credit  
25 payment.

26 The data shall also include, but shall not be limited to, the following  
27 information:

- 28 a. total net valuation taxable,
- 29 b. state equalization table average ratio,
- 30 c. net county taxes,
- 31 d. county library levy,
- 32 e. county health services levy,
- 33 f. county open space preservation levy,
- 34 g. total county levy,
- 35 h. school property tax levy,
- 36 i. school property tax levy for consolidated, joint, and regional  
37 school districts,
- 38 j. municipal levy required for debt service of Type I school  
39 districts,
- 40 k. total school levy,
- 41 l. municipal purposes property tax levy,
- 42 m. municipal open space preservation levy,
- 43 n. municipal library levy,
- 44 o. total municipal levy,
- 45 p. the total levy used to determine the tax rate for each county,  
46 municipality, fire district, and school district; and
- 47 q. the equalized and non-equalized tax rates for each local unit.

1       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill would require the Division of Local Government  
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8 Internet web page a summary of property tax data for each calendar  
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20 the net average residential property tax bill, which would be the  
21 remainder of the average residential property tax bill minus the  
22 average homestead credit payment.

23       The bill would also require that other property tax data, such as  
24 individual property tax levies for certain portions of local budgets,  
25 be provided as well.

26       It is the intent of the sponsor that this information will help to  
27 inform the public at large, and local property taxpayers  
28 individually, about the components of their property tax bills, and to  
29 illustrate to the public that local spending decisions directly affect  
30 local property taxes. It would also help local property taxpayers  
31 compare how well their local units of government are doing against  
32 local units in other parts of the State.