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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires property record cards and tax maps prepared in conjunction with revaluations to be produced in electronic format.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** requiring property record cards and tax maps prepared in  
2       conjunction with revaluations to be produced in electronic format  
3       and supplementing P.L.1971, c.424 (C.54:1-35.35 et seq.).  
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5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*  
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8       1.   a.   A contract for a revaluation of all the real property in a  
9       municipality shall require that any property record cards prepared in  
10      conjunction with the revaluation be produced in electronic format,  
11      and that the contractor transmit electronic copies of all property  
12      record cards to the municipal tax assessor. Nothing in this  
13      subsection shall be construed to prohibit an assessor from also  
14      requiring a contractor to produce and submit printed copies of any  
15      property record cards prepared in conjunction with the revaluation.

16      b.   A contract for new or revised tax maps to be prepared in  
17      conjunction with a revaluation of all the real property in a  
18      municipality shall require that the tax maps be produced in  
19      electronic format, and that the contractor transmit electronic copies  
20      of the tax maps to the assessor. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
21      construed to prohibit an assessor from also requiring a contractor to  
22      produce and submit printed copies of the property tax maps  
23      prepared in conjunction with the revaluation or construed to  
24      supersede the provisions of R.S.47:1-6.

25      A municipality proposing to contract for new or revised property  
26      tax maps to be prepared in conjunction with a revaluation of all the  
27      real property in a municipality shall submit the proposed contract to  
28      the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the  
29      Treasury for review and approval.

30      c.   The director shall not approve a contract until the  
31      requirements of subsection a. or b. of this section, as applicable, are  
32      satisfied.

33      d.   An assessor shall provide the director with electronic copies  
34      of property record cards and tax maps transmitted to the assessor in  
35      electronic format pursuant to this section, and the director shall  
36      develop and maintain a Statewide database containing data and  
37      images from these sources.

38      e.   No later than the first day of the fourth month next following  
39      the effective date of P.L.     , c.     (C.     ) (pending before the  
40      Legislature as this bill), the director shall promulgate rules and  
41      regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
42      P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of  
43      this section.  
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45      2.   This act shall take effect immediately and be operative upon  
46      the adoption of rules and regulations by the Director of the Division  
47      of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury to effectuate the  
48      purposes of this act.

STATEMENT

This bill would require that property record cards and tax maps prepared in conjunction with a revaluation be produced in electronic format. Requiring these real estate records to be produced in electronic format will modernize and create greater efficiency in the State's real estate market, which will in turn help attract more private sector investment.

Currently, some municipalities do not require that property record cards and tax maps prepared in conjunction with revaluations be produced in electronic format. Under this bill, a municipal contract for such documents must require the contractor to produce them in electronic format and to transmit electronic copies to the municipal tax assessor. The bill would also require assessors to provide the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury with electronic copies of these documents for the purpose of developing a Statewide database.