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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

A bill for an act
relating to property taxation; establishing the Truth in Taxation Task Force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **TRUTH IN TAXATION TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Established; duties.** (a) A task force is established to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the design and content of the truth in taxation statement required under Minnesota Statutes, section 275.065.

(b) The task force shall:

(1) identify issues that have arisen with differences among local governments' truth in taxation mailings and statements;

(2) determine what executive or legislative direction is needed to provide a more informative statement to property owners and provide policy makers easily comparable information statewide;

(3) consider whether statements should be uniform statewide; and

(4) consider whether statements should be able to be distributed electronically.

Subd. 2. **Membership; co-chairs.** The task force members are:

(1) two members of the house of representatives Committee on Taxes, appointed by the speaker of the house, one member of the majority caucus and one member of the minority caucus;

(2) two members of the senate Committee on Taxes, appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, one member of the majority caucus and one member of the minority caucus;

(3) one member appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;

(4) one member appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties;

(5) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;

(6) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Small Cities;

(7) the chair of the property and local tax division of the house of representatives Committee on Taxes and the chair of the senate Committee on Taxes, who shall serve as co-chairs.

The appointments to the task force shall be made as soon as practicable after the effective date of this section.

Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The legislative Open Meeting Law in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055, applies to the task force. A meeting may be conducted by any electronic means that meets the criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055, subdivision 1a. Task force meetings may be conducted following Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure unless the task force chooses otherwise.

Subd. 4. **Compensation; expenses; administrative and technical assistance.** Members of the task force serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. The committee staff of the Property and Local Tax Division of the house of representatives Committee on Taxes and the senate Committee on Taxes shall provide administrative assistance to the task force. Any administrative costs of the task force shall be shared equally between the house of representatives and the senate. The commissioner of revenue shall provide technical assistance to the task force.

Subd. 5. **Report.** The task force shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over property taxes, and submit the report as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195. The report is due by December 15, 2012.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** The task force expires June 30, 2013.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.