

# Legislative Analysis



## **MODIFY PROCEDURE AND FEES FOR ELECTRONIC RECORDS REQUESTS**

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**House Bill 5542 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Samantha Steckloff**  
**House Committee: Local Government and Municipal Finance**  
**Complete to 11-13-24**

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### **SUMMARY:**

House Bill 5542 would amend 1895 PA 161, which concerns records of county treasurers, to provide that a request for a winter tax bill and a summer tax bill would be considered a single request and to make other modifications to the process for requesting copies of electronic records from a county treasurer's office. The bill is identical to the as-introduced version of Senate Bill 705.

Section 1 of the act provides that a county treasurer must make copies of a record on file in the treasurer's office and prescribes a schedule of fees for doing so. The act provides a maximum charge of 30 cents per parcel record, up to a total of \$2,000 for each request, if the request is for an electronic copy of the following records in an electronic data file maintained, controlled, or managed by the county treasurer:

- The taxable value.
- The state equalized value.
- The assessed value.
- Past sale data.
- Property classification.
- Parcel identification number.
- Owner name and address.
- Taxpayer name and address.
- Principal residence status.
- Other tax equalization data.
- Special assessments.
- Total millage rate.
- Enumerated millage list.
- Tax amount for winter tax bill.
- Tax amount for summer tax bill.

A county treasurer that maintains, controls, or manages<sup>1</sup> any electronic records containing any of the above listed information for each parcel of real property in the county must provide those records upon request for the current tax year.

Under House Bill 5542, a request for an electronic copy of records that includes a request for the tax bill amount for the winter and summer tax bills would be considered a single request,

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<sup>1</sup> Under House Bill 5542, these provisions would also apply to an electronic record file that can be directly accessed or otherwise provided by the treasurer.

and the maximum charge for the request would be \$2,000 if both amounts are available at the time of the request.

A county treasurer would be required to provide the records for the requested, rather than the current, tax year.

Currently, county treasurers are not required to provide any electronic copies of information that they do not maintain, control, or manage. Under HB 5542, this provision would not apply if the county treasurer has direct access to the information or the information can be provided under their direction or upon their request.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would reduce county revenues by an indeterminate, but likely limited, amount. There would be no state fiscal impact.

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