1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
4	HOUSE BILL 3961 By: Echols of the House
5	and
6	Hall of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2802, which relates to definitions
11	used in the Ad Valorem Tax Code; providing definition
12	of rural internet service provider; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2803, which relates to classification
13	of subjects for purposes of ad valorem taxation; providing classification of certain rural internet
14	service providers; prescribing requirements for valuation and determination of taxable values;
15	prescribing procedures for election and revocation of election; and providing an effective date.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
19	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2802, is
20	amended to read as follows:
21	Section 2802. As used in Section 2801 et seq. of this title:
22	1. "Accepted standards for mass appraisal practice" means those
23	standards for the collection and analysis of information about
24	taxable properties within a taxing jurisdiction permitting the

accurate estimate of fair cash value for similar properties in the jurisdiction either without direct observation of such similar properties or without direct sales price information for such similar properties using a reliable statistical or other method to estimate the values of such properties;

6 2. "Additional homestead exemption" means the exemption7 provided by Section 2890 of this title;

3. "Assessor" means the county assessor and, unless the context
9 clearly requires otherwise, deputy assessors and persons employed by
10 the county assessor in performance of duties imposed by law;

4. "Assess and value" means to establish the fair cash value and taxable fair cash value of taxable real and personal property pursuant to requirements of law;

14 5. "Assessed valuation" or "assessed value" means the 15 percentage of the fair cash value of personal property, or the 16 percentage of the taxable fair cash value of real property, pursuant 17 to the provisions of Sections 8 and 8B of Article X of the Oklahoma 18 Constitution, either of individual items of personal property, 19 parcels of real property or the aggregate total of such individual 20 taxable items or parcels within a jurisdiction;

6. "Assessment percentage" means the percentage applied to
personal property and real property pursuant to Section 8 of Article
X of the Oklahoma Constitution;

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7. "Assessment ratio" means the relationship between assessed
 value and taxable fair cash value for a county or for use categories
 within a county expressed as a percentage determined in the annual
 equalization ratio study;

5 8. "Assessment roll" means a computerized or noncomputerized 6 record required by law to be kept by the county assessor and 7 containing information about property within a taxing jurisdiction; 8 9. "Assessment year" means the year beginning January 1 of each 9 calendar year and ending on December 31 preceding the following 10 January 1 assessment date;

11 10. "Circuit breaker" means the form of property tax relief 12 provided by Sections 2904 through 2911 of this title;

13 11. "Class of subjects" means a category of property 14 specifically designated pursuant to provisions of the Oklahoma 15 Constitution for purposes of ad valorem taxation;

16 12. "Code" means the Ad Valorem Tax Code, Section 2801 et seq. 17 of this title;

18 13. "Coefficient of dispersion" means a statistical measure of 19 assessment uniformity for a category of property or for all property 20 within a taxing jurisdiction;

21 14. "Confidence level" means a statistical procedure for 22 determining the degree of reliability for use in reporting the 23 assessment ratio for a taxing jurisdiction;

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15. "Cost approach" means a method used to establish the fair
 cash value of property involving an estimate of current construction
 cost of improvements, subtracting accrued depreciation including any
 loss in value that may be caused by physical deterioration,
 functional obsolescence or economic obsolescence and adding the
 value of the land.

- 7 a. Physical deterioration is a cause of depreciation that
 8 is a loss in value due to ordinary wear and tear and
 9 the forces of nature.
- b. Functional or internal obsolescence is the loss in
 value of a property resulting from changes in tastes,
 preferences, technical innovations or market
 standards.
- c. Economic or external obsolescence is a cause of
 depreciation that is a loss in value as a result of
 impairment in utility and desirability caused by
 factors outside the boundaries of the property or loss
 of value in a property (relative to the cost of
 replacing it with a property of equal utility) that
 stems from factors external to the property;

21 16. "County board of equalization" means the board which, upon 22 hearing competent evidence, has the authority to correct and adjust 23 the assessment rolls in its respective county to conform to fair

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1 cash value and such other responsibilities as prescribed in Section
2 2801 et seq. of this title;

3 17. "Equalization" means the process for making adjustments to 4 taxable property values within a county by analyzing the 5 relationships between assessed values and fair cash values in one or 6 more use categories within the county or between counties by 7 analyzing the relationship between assessed value and fair cash 8 value in each county;

9 18. "Equalization ratio study" means the analysis of the 10 relationships between assessed values and fair cash values in the 11 manner provided by law;

12 "Fair cash value" or "market value" means the value or 19. 13 price at which a willing buyer would purchase property and a willing 14 seller would sell property if both parties are knowledgeable about 15 the property and its uses and if neither party is under any undue 16 pressure to buy or sell and for real property shall mean the value 17 for the highest and best use for which such property was actually 18 used, or was previously classified for use, during the calendar year 19 next preceding the applicable January 1 assessment date;

20 20. "Homestead exemption" means the reduction in the taxable
21 value of a homestead as authorized by law;

22 21. "Income and expense approach" means a method to estimate 23 fair cash value of a property by determining the present value of 24 the projected income stream;

22. "List and assess" means the process by which taxable
 property is discovered, its description recorded for purposes of ad
 valorem taxation and its fair cash value and taxable fair cash value
 are established;

5 23. "Mill" or "millage" means the rate of tax imposed upon
6 taxable value. One (1) mill equals One Dollar (\$1.00) of tax for
7 each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable value;

8 24. "Multiple regression analysis" means a statistical 9 technique for estimating unknown data on the basis of known and 10 available data;

11 25. "Parcel" means a contiguous area of land described in a 12 single description by a deed or other instrument or as one of a 13 number of lots on a plat or plan, separately owned and capable of 14 being separately conveyed;

15 26. <u>"Rural internet service provider" means a lawfully</u> 16 <u>recognized business entity offering internet services on a</u> 17 <u>subscription basis if the majority of the subscribers reside in a</u> 18 <u>rural census tract as defined pursuant to the laws governing the</u> 19 preparation of the United States Census;

20 <u>27.</u> "Sales comparison approach" means the collection, 21 verification, and screening of sales data, stratification of sales 22 information for purposes of comparison and use of such information 23 to establish the fair cash value of taxable property;

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27. 28. "State Board of Equalization" means the Board 1 responsible for valuation of railroad, airline and public service 2 corporation property and the adjustment and equalization of all 3 4 property values both centrally and locally assessed;

5 28. 29. "Taxable value" means the percentage of the fair cash value of personal property or the taxable fair cash value of real 6 7 property, less applicable exemptions, upon which an ad valorem tax rate is levied pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 and Section 8 9 8B of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution;

29. 30. "Taxable fair cash value" means the fair cash value of 10 11 locally assessed real property as capped pursuant to Section 8B of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; 12

13 30. 31. "Use category" means a subcategory of real property, 14 that is either agricultural use, residential use or 15 commercial/industrial use but does not and shall not constitute a 16 class of subjects within the meaning of the Oklahoma Constitution 17 for purposes of ad valorem taxation;

18 31. 32. "Use value" means the basis for establishing fair cash 19 value of real property pursuant to the requirement of Section 8 of 20 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; and

21 32. 33. "Visual inspection program" means the program required 22 in order to gather data about real property from physical 23 examination of the property and improvements in order to establish 24

the fair cash values of properties so inspected at least once each

1 four (4) years and the fair cash values of similar properties on an 2 annual basis.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2803, is 4 amended to read as follows:

Section 2803. A. The Legislature, pursuant to authority of
Article X, Section 22 of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby
classifies the following types of property for purposes of ad
valorem taxation:

9 1. Real property;

Personal property, except as provided in paragraph 3 of this
 subsection;

3. Personal property which is household goods of the head of families and livestock employed in support of the family in those counties which have exempted such property pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 6 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution;

16 4. Public service corporation property; and

17 5. Railroad and air carrier property; and

18 6. Rural internet service provider property if the rural

19 internet service provider opts for local assessment by the

20 applicable county assessor pursuant to the provisions of this

21 paragraph. A rural internet service provider that files an election

22 with the county assessor of the county in which any real property or

23 personal property owned by such rural internet service provider is

24 located shall have real and personal property values for such

1 property established by the applicable county assessor and the 2 taxable value of such property shall be computed by the applicable county assessor according to the same requirements as other real and 3 4 personal property. If an election is filed pursuant to this 5 paragraph the election shall be filed not later than March 15 of any 6 calendar year and shall be in force and effect until revoked by the 7 rural internet service provider. A rural internet service provider 8 that does not file an election pursuant to this paragraph or which 9 revokes an election as authorized by this paragraph shall have its 10 real and personal property valued for ad valorem tax purposes by the 11 State Board of Equalization in the same manner prescribed by law for 12 the valuation of public service corporation property and the State 13 Board of Equalization shall compute the taxable value of such 14 property according to the same requirements as the property of 15 public service corporations. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall 16 prescribe forms for the election and revocation of elections as 17 authorized by this paragraph.

B. Valuation of each class of subjects shall be made by a
method appropriate for each class or any subclass thereof, as
established by the Ad Valorem Division of the Oklahoma Tax
Commission.

C. Classification as provided by this section shall require uniform treatment of each item within a class or any subclass as provided in Article X, Section 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

1	SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2025.
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