

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to requiring the
disclosure of income and expense statements upon a petition for an
article 7 proceeding and imposes staggered dates for submissions of
appraisal reports

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 718 of the real property tax law,
2 as added by chapter 693 of the laws of 1995, paragraphs (a) and (b) as
3 amended by chapter 503 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 2. Where a proceeding is commenced pursuant to this article to review
6 the assessment of a parcel of real property which solely contains prop-
7 erty which is not subject to the provisions of subdivision one of this
8 section, a note of issue shall be filed in accordance with this subdivi-
9 sion.

10 (a) Where a real property assessment challenge commenced under this
11 article has been pending for at least two years from the date of the
12 commencement of the proceeding, either party may demand, by serving a
13 written demand, that the parties file a written appraisal of the proper-
14 ty which is the subject of the proceeding [~~and serve same~~]. The demand
15 shall be in writing and served by personal delivery or certified mail,
16 return receipt requested. The court shall fix the date for submission
17 of the appraisal reports for the petitioner within one hundred twenty
18 days of service of such demand, and the court shall fix the date for
19 submission of the appraisal reports for the respondent ninety days
20 subsequent to the date for submission of the appraisal reports for the
21 petitioner. Upon the filing of the appraisal reports by the petitioner,
22 the court shall notify the respondent in writing that the petitioners'
23 appraisal reports have been received and the date by which the respond-
24 ent must submit their appraisal reports. Upon the receipt of appraisal
25 reports, the court shall simultaneously distribute all appraisal reports
26 to all parties. [~~The demand shall be in writing and served by personal~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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~~1 delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested. Both parties shall
2 thereafter file an appraisal or]~~

3 (b) The court may, at any time, order the submission of appraisal
4 reports and fix a date for such submission for the petitioner within one
5 hundred twenty days, and the court shall fix for submission of the
6 appraisal reports for the respondent ninety days subsequent to the date
7 for submission of the appraisal reports for the petitioner. Upon the
8 filing of the appraisal reports by the petitioner, the court shall noti-
9 fy the respondent in writing that the petitioners' appraisal reports
10 have been received and the date by which the respondent must submit
11 their appraisal reports. Upon the receipt of appraisal reports, the
12 court shall simultaneously distribute all appraisal reports to all
13 parties.

14 (c) Should either party fail to file such petition by the date for
15 submission fixed by the court, either party may show good cause as to
16 why such demand or order cannot be complied with within such time peri-
17 od. Either party may move to dismiss the proceeding by reason of the
18 other party's failure to prosecute the proceeding and file the appraisal
19 pursuant to the demand or order. Unless the party shows good cause for
20 failing to file the appraisal, the court may in its discretion either
21 dismiss or grant the petition and such order shall constitute a final
22 adjudication of all issues raised in the proceeding.

23 [~~(b)~~] (d) Upon the serving and filing the appraisals pursuant to a
24 demand made under paragraph (a) of this subdivision or by order of the
25 court pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the court shall
26 schedule a conference with the parties to be held within ninety days to
27 discuss settlement, resolve disclosure and decide other pretrial issues.

28 [~~(e)~~] (e) After completion of the pretrial conference required by this
29 subdivision, the respondent may serve and file a written demand that
30 petitioner file a note of issue within thirty days of service of the
31 demand therefor. The demand shall be in writing and served by personal
32 delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested. Should the peti-
33 tioner fail to file a note of issue within thirty days of the service of
34 demand, the proceeding shall be deemed to have been abandoned, an order
35 dismissing the petition shall be entered without notice and such order
36 shall constitute a final adjudication of all issues raised in the
37 proceeding, unless the court or judge otherwise orders on good cause
38 shown.

39 [~~(f)~~] (f) Should the respondent fail to demand that the petitioner
40 file a note of issue pursuant to paragraph [~~(e)~~] (e) of this subdivision
41 within four years from the date of the commencement of the proceeding,
42 and a note of issue has not otherwise been filed, the proceeding shall
43 be deemed to have been abandoned and an order dismissing the petition
44 shall be entered without notice and such order shall constitute a final
45 adjudication of all issues raised in the proceeding, except where the
46 parties otherwise stipulate or a court or judge otherwise orders on good
47 cause shown within such four-year period.

48 § 2. Section 706 of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter
49 714 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

50 § 706. Grounds for review; contents of petition. 1. The grounds for
51 reviewing an assessment shall be that the assessment to be reviewed is
52 excessive, unequal or unlawful, or that real property is misclassified.

53 2. (a) A proceeding to review an assessment shall be founded upon a
54 petition setting forth the respect in which the assessment is excessive,
55 unequal or unlawful, or the respect in which real property is misclassi-
56 fied and stating that the petitioner is or will be injured thereby. Such

1 petition shall be duly verified by the petitioner, an officer thereof,
2 or by an agent thereof who has been authorized in writing to verify and
3 file such petition and whose authorization is made a part of such peti-
4 tion. Such petition must show that a complaint was made in due time to
5 the proper officers to correct such assessment. Two or more persons
6 having real property assessed upon the same roll who assert the same
7 grounds for review presenting a common question of law or fact, may
8 unite in the same petition.

9 (b) The petitioner shall include with such petition a statement that
10 the property is not income producing or an income and expense statement
11 for the property for each tax year in the proceeding.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
13 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
14 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
15 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
16 completed on or before such date.