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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public finance; altering the school district referendum market value
1.3 tax base; modifying the taxation of seasonal recreational property; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.01, subdivision 3; 275.025, subdivisions
1.5 1, 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivision 3.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Referendum market value.** "Referendum market value" means the market
1.9 value of all taxable property, excluding property classified as class 2, ~~noncommercial~~
1.10 ~~4c(1), or 4c(4)~~ under section 273.13. The portion of class 2a property consisting of the
1.11 house, garage, and surrounding one acre of land of an agricultural homestead is included
1.12 in referendum market value. Any class of property, or any portion of a class of property,
1.13 that is included in the definition of referendum market value and that has a class rate of
1.14 less than one percent under section 273.13 shall have a referendum market value equal
1.15 to its net tax capacity multiplied by 100.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2009.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.18 Subdivision 1. **Levy amount.** The state general levy is levied against
1.19 commercial-industrial property ~~and seasonal residential recreational property~~, as defined
1.20 in this section. The state general levy base amount is \$592,000,000 for taxes payable in
1.21 2002. For taxes payable in subsequent years, the levy base amount is increased each year
1.22 by multiplying the levy base amount for the prior year by the sum of one plus the rate of
1.23 increase, if any, in the implicit price deflator for government consumption expenditures

2.1 and gross investment for state and local governments prepared by the Bureau of Economic
 2.2 Analysts of the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month period ending
 2.3 March 31 of the year prior to the year the taxes are payable. The tax under this section is
 2.4 not treated as a local tax rate under section 469.177 and is not the levy of a governmental
 2.5 unit under chapters 276A and 473F.

2.6 The commissioner shall increase or decrease the preliminary or final rate for a year
 2.7 as necessary to account for errors and tax base changes that affected a preliminary or final
 2.8 rate for either of the two preceding years. Adjustments are allowed to the extent that the
 2.9 necessary information is available to the commissioner at the time the rates for a year must
 2.10 be certified, and for the following reasons:

- 2.11 (1) an erroneous report of taxable value by a local official;
- 2.12 (2) an erroneous calculation by the commissioner; and
- 2.13 (3) an increase or decrease in taxable value for commercial-industrial ~~or seasonal~~
 2.14 ~~residential-recreational~~ property reported on the abstracts of tax lists submitted under
 2.15 section 275.29 that was not reported on the abstracts of assessment submitted under
 2.16 section 270C.89 for the same year.

2.17 The commissioner may, but need not, make adjustments if the total difference in the tax
 2.18 levied for the year would be less than \$100,000.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2009.

2.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 4. **Apportionment and levy of state general tax.** ~~Ninety-five percent of~~ The
 2.22 state general tax must be levied by applying a uniform rate to all commercial-industrial tax
 2.23 capacity ~~and five percent of the state general tax must be levied by applying a uniform rate~~
 2.24 ~~to all seasonal residential-recreational tax capacity.~~ On or before October 1 each year, the
 2.25 commissioner of revenue shall certify the preliminary state general levy ~~rates~~ rate to each
 2.26 county auditor that must be used to prepare the notices of proposed property taxes for taxes
 2.27 payable in the following year. By January 1 of each year, the commissioner shall certify
 2.28 the final state general levy rate to each county auditor that shall be used in spreading taxes.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable 2009.

2.30 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

2.31 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivision 3, is repealed.

2.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2009.