

Pennsylvania Property Tax Task Forces Created

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The Pennsylvania House of Representatives, in HR 343, effective 08/26/2011, appointed a task force to develop a set of uniform standards for county reassessment. The task force is charged with:

- developing a set of uniform standards for county reassessment contracting;
- developing standards for disclosing the county's system of property valuation and assessment;
- developing a self-evaluation tool for counties to determine when a reassessment is warranted;
- recommending a standard to be used for a statewide mandatory reassessment time frame; and
- presenting any other recommendations to improve the system of property tax reassessment in Pennsylvania.

A second task force was created by HR 344, effective 08/26/2011, to develop criteria and procedures for data submission, verification, and collection to address issues during a reassessment. The task force is charged with developing criteria and procedures for counties to utilize when submitting data to the State Tax Equalization Board. The task force is also charged with developing criteria and procedures for data collection by those individuals or organizations conducting data collection on behalf of a county assessor.

Both task forces must report their results and present their findings to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives within six months.

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