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#### Abstract

A bill to be entitled An act relating to property assessments; amending s. 193.011, F.S.; revising the factors that a property appraiser must consider when deriving the just valuation of property; providing conditions and limitations relating to a property appraiser's use of certain property transactions to arrive at just valuation of property; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.


Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 193.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
193.011 Factors to consider in deriving just valuation.-In arriving at just valuation as required under s. 4, Art. VII of the State Constitution, the property appraiser shall take into consideration the following factors:
(1) The present cash value of the property, which is the amount a willing purchaser would pay a willing seller, exclusive of reasonable fees and costs of purchase, in cash or the immediate equivalent thereof in open market transactions or transactions a transaction at arm's length which have occurred in good faith between unrelated or unaffiliated parties, including, but not limited to, a distress sale, short sale, bank sale, or sale at public auction. The property appraiser shall exercise discretion in using all open market transactions and shall use such transactions only if the transactions, in the opinion of the property appraiser, constitute a sufficient

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number as to affect market value within any specific geographical area;
(2) The highest and best use to which the property can be expected to be put in the immediate future and the present use of the property, taking into consideration the legally permissible use of the property, including any applicable judicial limitation, local or state land use regulation, or historic preservation ordinance, and any zoning changes, concurrency requirements, and permits necessary to achieve the highest and best use, and considering any moratorium imposed by executive order, law, ordinance, regulation, resolution, or proclamation adopted by any governmental body or agency or the Governor when the moratorium or judicial limitation prohibits or restricts the development or improvement of property as otherwise authorized by applicable law. The applicable governmental body or agency or the Governor shall notify the property appraiser in writing of any executive order, ordinance, regulation, resolution, or proclamation it adopts imposing any such limitation, regulation, or moratorium;
(3) The location of said property;
(4) The quantity or size of said property;
(5) The cost of said property and the present replacement value of any improvements thereon;
(6) The condition of said property;
(7) The income from said property; and
(8) The net proceeds of the sale of the property, as received by the seller, after deduction of all of the usual and reasonable fees and costs of the sale, including the costs and expenses of financing, and allowance for unconventional or

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atypical terms of financing arrangements. When the net proceeds of the sale of any property are utilized, directly or indirectly, in the determination of just valuation of realty of the sold parcel or any other parcel under the provisions of this section, the property appraiser, for the purposes of such determination, shall exclude any portion of such net proceeds attributable to payments for household furnishings or other items of personal property.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2012.

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