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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to value adjustment board proceedings; amending s. 194.011, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the value adjustment board to have available and distribute specified forms; authorizing the owner of multiple items of tangible personal property to file a joint petition with the value adjustment board under certain circumstances; requiring the property appraiser to include the property record card in an evidence list for a value adjustment board hearing under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 194.011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

194.011 Assessment notice; objections to assessments.-

(3) A petition to the value adjustment board must be in substantially the form prescribed by the department. Notwithstanding s. 195.022, a county officer may not refuse to accept a form provided by the department for this purpose if the taxpayer chooses to use it. A petition to the value adjustment board shall describe the property by parcel number and shall be

filed as follows:

(a) The <u>clerk of the value adjustment board and the</u> property appraiser shall have available and shall distribute forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue on which the

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petition shall be made. Such petition shall be sworn to by the petitioner.

(f) An owner of contiguous, undeveloped parcels, or an owner of multiple items of tangible personal property, may file with the value adjustment board a single joint petition if the property appraiser determines such parcels or items of tangible personal property to be are substantially similar in nature.

(4)

 (b) No later than 7 days before the hearing, if the petitioner has provided the information required under paragraph (a), and if requested in writing by the petitioner, the property appraiser shall provide to the petitioner a list of evidence to be presented at the hearing, together with copies of all documentation to be considered by the value adjustment board and a summary of evidence to be presented by witnesses. The evidence list must contain the <u>property appraiser's</u> property record card <u>if provided by the clerk</u>. Failure of the property appraiser to timely comply with the requirements of this paragraph shall result in a rescheduling of the hearing.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.