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1 AN ACT Relating to creating greater efficiency in the offices of  
2 county assessors by allowing notification via electronic means; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 84.09 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.09 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Whenever the assessor is required by the provisions of this  
8 title to send any assessment, notice, or any other information to  
9 persons by regular mail, the assessor may instead provide the  
10 assessment, notice, or other information electronically if the  
11 following conditions are met:

12 (a) The person entitled to receive the information has authorized  
13 the assessor, electronically or otherwise, to provide the assessment,  
14 notice, or other information electronically; and

15 (b) If the assessment, notice, or other information is subject to  
16 the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330, 84.08.210, or  
17 84.40.340, the assessor must use methods reasonably designed to protect  
18 the information from unauthorized disclosure. The provisions of this  
19 subsection (1)(b) may be waived by a taxpayer. The waiver must be in

1 writing and may be provided to the assessor electronically. A waiver  
2 continues until revoked in writing by the taxpayer. Such revocation  
3 may be provided to the assessor electronically in a manner provided or  
4 approved by the assessor.

5 (2) Electronic notice pursuant to this section will continue until  
6 revoked in writing by the taxpayer. Such revocation may be provided to  
7 the assessor electronically in a manner provided or approved by the  
8 assessor.

9 (3) Electronic transmittal may be by electronic mail or other  
10 electronic means reasonably calculated to apprise the person of the  
11 information that is being provided.

12 (4) Any assessment, notice, or other information provided by the  
13 assessor to a person is deemed to have been mailed by the assessor and  
14 received by the person on the date that the assessor electronically  
15 sends the information to the person or electronically notifies the  
16 person that the information is available to be accessed by the person.

17 (5) This section also applies to information that is not expressly  
18 required by statute to be sent by regular mail, but is customarily sent  
19 by the assessor using regular mail, to persons entitled to receive the  
20 information.

21 (6) Information compiled or possessed by the assessor for the  
22 purposes of providing notice under this title, including but not  
23 limited to taxpayer e-mail addresses, waivers, waiver requests, waiver  
24 revocations, and passwords or other methods of protecting taxpayer  
25 information as required in subsection (1)(b) of this section, are not  
26 subject to disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

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