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SENATE BILL 1315*

Short Title: Cabarrus Board of Equalization and Review.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs.

May 25, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW FOR CABARRUS COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-322(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Powers and Duties. – The board of equalization and review has the following powers and duties:

...

(3) Powers in Carrying Out Duties. – In the performance of its duties under subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(2), above, the board of equalization and review may exercise the following powers:

a. It may appoint committees composed of its own members or other persons to assist it in making investigations necessary to its work. It may also employ expert appraisers in its discretion. The expense of the employment of committees or appraisers shall be borne by the county. The board may, in its discretion, require the taxpayer to reimburse the county for the cost of any appraisal by experts demanded by the taxpayer if the appraisal does not result in material reduction of the valuation of the property appraised and if the appraisal is not subsequently reduced materially by the board or by the Department of Revenue.

b. The board, in its discretion, may examine any witnesses and documents. It may place any witnesses under oath administered by any member of the board. It may subpoena witnesses or documents on its own motion, and it must do so when a request is made under the provisions of subdivision (g)(2)c, above.

A subpoena issued by the board shall be signed by the chair of the board, directed to the witness or to the person having

1 custody of the document, and served by an officer authorized to
 2 serve subpoenas. Any person who willfully fails to appear or to
 3 produce documents in response to a subpoena or to testify when
 4 appearing in response to a subpoena shall be guilty of a Class 1
 5 misdemeanor.

6 c. In any year of general reappraisal, the chair of the board may
 7 divide the board into two or more separate panels with a
 8 minimum of three members each. The board members on each
 9 panel may be interchanged during the year. A decision by the
 10 panel has the same effect as a decision by the entire board.

11 ...
 12 (5) ~~Duty to Change Abstracts and Records~~Powers After Adjournment. –
 13 Following adjournment upon completion of its duties under
 14 subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(2) of this ~~subsection,~~section, the board may
 15 continue to meet to carry out the following duties:

- 16 a. To hear and decide all appeals relating to discovered property
 17 under G.S. ~~105-312(d) and (k).~~105-312.
- 18 b. To hear and decide all appeals relating to the appraisal, situs,
 19 and taxability of classified motor vehicles under
 20 G.S. 105-330.2(b).
- 21 c. To hear and decide all appeals relating to audits conducted
 22 under G.S. 105-296(j) and relating to audits conducted under
 23 G.S. 105-296(j) and (l) of property classified at present-use
 24 value and property exempted or excluded from taxation.
- 25 d. To hear and decide all appeals relating to personal property
 26 under G.S. 105-317.1(c).
- 27 e. To exercise its authority under G.S. 105-282.1(a1) to accept an
 28 application for exemption or exclusion that was filed after the
 29 statutory deadline.
- 30 f. To make any changes authorized by G.S. 105-325."

31 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to Cabarrus County only.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.