

State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill: HB1912 Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ASSESSED VALUE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY; AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OR PROCEDURE FOR THE VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR TAXATION PURPOSES UNDER ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 16, § 5.

Sponsors:

Rep. Lundstrum and Sen. Bryant

Basic Change:

HB1912 amends the definition of "assessed value" to mean 15% of the appraised value of real property rather than 20%. Property tax in the state is levied on the assessed value of the real property. By statute, the assessed value of property is equal to 20% of the appraised value. HB1912 reduces the assessed value to 15% of the appraised value for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Impact:

Significant reduction to local taxing entities such as public schools, counties, and cities.

Taxpayer Impact:

A taxpayer would see a decrease in real property tax.

Resources Required:

Software changes for county offices would be required. All published materials used by county officials must be updated. Education and training for county personnel.

Time Required:

Unknown.

Procedural Changes:

Property taxes would be calculated using 15% of the assessed value instead of the current 20% assessment level. The new assessment value would then be multiplied by the appropriate millage rate.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.
