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A BILL

To amend sections 5709.121, 5709.91, and 5715.19 of 1
the Revised Code to modify the law regarding 2
property tax exemptions and procedures and to 3
authorize COVID-19-related property tax 4
valuation complaints. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5709.121, 5709.91, and 5715.19 of 6
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 5709.121. (A) Real property and tangible personal 8
property belonging to a charitable or educational institution or 9
to the state or a political subdivision, shall be considered as 10
used exclusively for charitable or public purposes by such 11
institution, the state, or political subdivision, if it meets 12

one of the following requirements: 13

(1) It is used by such institution, the state, or 14
political subdivision, or by one or more other such 15
institutions, the state, or political subdivisions under a 16
lease, sublease, or other contractual arrangement: 17

(a) As a community or area center in which presentations 18
in music, dramatics, the arts, and related fields are made in 19
order to foster public interest and education therein; 20

(b) As a children's, science, history, or natural history 21
museum that is open to the general public; 22

(c) For other charitable, educational, or public purposes. 23

(2) It is made available under the direction or control of 24
such institution, the state, or political subdivision for use in 25
furtherance of or incidental to its charitable, educational, or 26
public purposes and not with the view to profit. 27

(3) It is used by an organization described in division 28
(D) of section 5709.12 of the Revised Code. If the organization 29
is a corporation that receives a grant under the Thomas Alva 30
Edison grant program authorized by division (C) of section 31
122.33 of the Revised Code at any time during the tax year, 32
"used," for the purposes of this division, includes holding 33
property for lease or resale to others. 34

(B) (1) Property described in division (A) (1) (a) or (b) of 35
this section shall continue to be considered as used exclusively 36
for charitable or public purposes even if the property is 37
conveyed through one conveyance or a series of conveyances to an 38
entity that is not a charitable or educational institution and 39
is not the state or a political subdivision, provided that all 40
of the following conditions apply with respect to that property: 41

(a) The property was listed as exempt on the county auditor's tax list and duplicate for the county in which it is located for the tax year immediately preceding the year in which the property is conveyed through one conveyance or a series of conveyances;

(b) The property is conveyed through one conveyance or a series of conveyances to an entity that does any of the following:

(i) Leases at least forty-five per cent of the property, through one lease or a series of leases, to the entity that owned or occupied the property for the tax year immediately preceding the year in which the property is conveyed or to an affiliate of that entity;

(ii) Contracts, directly or indirectly to have renovations performed as described in division (B) (1) (d) of this section and is at least partially owned by a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that code.

(c) The property includes improvements that are at least fifty years old;

(d) The property is being renovated in connection with a claim for historic preservation tax credits available under federal law;

(e) All or a portion of the property continues to be used for the purposes described in division (A) (1) (a) or (b) of this section after its conveyance; and

(f) The property is certified by the United States secretary of the interior as a "certified historic structure" or certified as part of a certified historic structure.

(2) Notwithstanding section 5715.27 of the Revised Code, 71
an application for exemption from taxation of property described 72
in division (B) (1) of this section may be filed by either the 73
owner of the property or an occupant. 74

(C) For purposes of this section, an institution that 75
meets all of the following requirements is conclusively presumed 76
to be a charitable institution: 77

(1) The institution is a nonprofit corporation or 78
association, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the 79
benefit of any private shareholder or individual; 80

(2) The institution is exempt from federal income taxation 81
under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; 82

(3) The majority of the institution's board of directors 83
are appointed by the mayor or legislative authority of a 84
municipal corporation or a board of county commissioners, or a 85
combination thereof; 86

(4) The primary purpose of the institution is to assist in 87
the development and revitalization of downtown urban areas. 88

(D) For purposes of division (A) (1) (b) of this section, 89
the status of a museum as open to the general public shall be 90
conclusive if the museum is accredited by the American alliance 91
of museums or a successor organization. 92

(E) (1) Qualifying real property owned by an institution 93
that meets all of the following requirements shall be considered 94
as used exclusively for charitable purposes, and the institution 95
shall be considered a charitable institution for purposes of 96
this section and section 5709.12 of the Revised Code: 97

(a) The institution is an organization described under 98

section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from 99
federal income taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal 100
Revenue Code. 101

(b) The institution's primary purpose is to acquire, 102
develop, lease, or otherwise provide suitable housing to 103
individuals with developmental disabilities. 104

(c) The institution receives at least a portion of its 105
funding from one or more county boards of developmental 106
disabilities to assist in the institution's primary purpose 107
described in division (E)(1)(b) of this section. 108

(2) As used in division (E) of this section, "qualifying 109
real property" means real property that is used primarily in one 110
of the following manners: 111

(a) The property is used by the institution described in 112
division (E)(1) of this section for the purpose described in 113
division (E)(1)(b) of this section. 114

(b) The property is leased or otherwise provided by the 115
institution described in division (E)(1) of this section to 116
individuals with developmental disabilities and used by those 117
individuals as housing. 118

(c) The property is leased or otherwise provided by the 119
institution described in division (E)(1) of this section to 120
another charitable institution, and that charitable institution 121
uses the property exclusively for charitable purposes. 122

(F)(1) Qualifying real property owned by an institution 123
that meets all of the following requirements shall be considered 124
as used exclusively for charitable purposes, and the institution 125
shall be considered a charitable institution for purposes of 126
this section and section 5709.12 of the Revised Code: 127

(a) The institution is either (i) an organization 128
described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 129
and exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(a) of 130
the Internal Revenue Code that has as a primary purpose to 131
acquire, develop, lease, or otherwise provide suitable 132
supportive housing to individuals diagnosed with mental illness 133
or substance use disorder and to families residing with such 134
individuals or (ii) a limited liability company or limited 135
partnership whose controlling or managing member or partner 136
either is an organization described in division (F)(1)(a)(i) of 137
this section or is wholly owned by one or more such 138
organizations. 139

(b) One or more of the tax-exempt organizations identified 140
in division (F)(1)(a) of this section receives at least a 141
portion of its funding to assist in the organization's primary 142
purpose described in division (F)(1)(a)(i) of this section from 143
the department of mental health and addiction services; one or 144
more county boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 145
services; or a local continuum of care program governed by 42 146
U.S.C. 11381, et seq. and 24 C.F.R. part 578. 147

(2) As used in division (F) of this section, "qualifying 148
real property" means real property that is used primarily in one 149
of the following manners: 150

(a) The property is used by the institution described in 151
division (F)(1) of this section for the purpose described in 152
division (F)(1)(a)(i) of this section. 153

(b) The institution (i) leases or otherwise provides the 154
property to individuals diagnosed with mental illness or 155
substance use disorder and to the families residing with such 156
individuals and (ii) makes supportive services available to such 157

individuals and families. 158

(c) The property is leased or otherwise provided by that 159
institution to another charitable institution, and that 160
charitable institution uses the property exclusively for 161
charitable purposes. 162

Sec. 5709.91. (A) Service payments in lieu of taxes 163
required under sections 725.04, 5709.42, 5709.46, 5709.74, and 164
5709.79 of the Revised Code, minimum service payment 165
obligations, and service charges in lieu of taxes required under 166
sections 1728.11 and 1728.111 of the Revised Code, shall be 167
treated in the same manner as taxes, as defined in section 168
323.01 of the Revised Code, for all purposes of the lien 169
described in section 323.11 of the Revised Code, including, but 170
not limited to, the priority and enforcement of the lien and the 171
collection of the service payments, minimum service payment 172
obligations, or service charges secured by the lien. ~~For~~ 173

(B) Any covenant or agreement in an instrument whereby a 174
property owner agrees to a minimum service payment obligation 175
shall be a covenant running with the land. Upon the proper 176
recording of the instrument with the county recorder, the 177
covenant is fully binding on behalf of and enforceable by the 178
county, township, or municipal corporation against the property 179
owner and any person acquiring an interest in the land and all 180
successors and assigns. If any such minimum service payment 181
obligation becomes delinquent according to such covenant or 182
agreement, the county, township, or municipal corporation may 183
enforce the delinquent minimum service payment obligation in the 184
manner provided under division (A) of this section or in the 185
manner otherwise provided in the instrument. A minimum service 186
payment obligation is an insurable interest with respect to 187

title insurance under Chapter 3953. of the Revised Code. 188

(C) A county, township, or municipal corporation may 189
certify a minimum service payment obligation that is a covenant 190
under division (B) of this section to the county auditor, who 191
shall enter the obligation on the tax list of real property 192
opposite the parcel against which it is charged, and certify the 193
minimum service payment obligation to the county treasurer. An 194
unpaid minimum service payment obligation is a lien on property 195
against which it is charged from the date the obligation is 196
entered on the tax list, and shall be collected in the manner 197
provided for collection of real property taxes. Once the minimum 198
service payment obligation is collected, it shall be paid 199
immediately to the county, township, or municipal corporation. 200

(D) For the purposes of this section, a "minimum service 201
payment obligation" is an obligation, including a contingent 202
obligation, for a ~~person~~ property owner to make a payment to a 203
county, township, or municipal corporation ~~to ensure sufficient~~ 204
~~funds to finance public infrastructure improvements or, if~~ 205
~~applicable, housing renovations, pursuant to an agreement~~ 206
between ~~that person~~ the property owner and the county, township, 207
or municipal corporation ~~for the purposes of to ensure~~ 208
sufficient funds to finance the expenditures authorized under 209
sections ~~725.04, 1728.11, 1728.111, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.45~~ 210
to 5709.47, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the 211
Revised Code. "Minimum service payment obligation" does not 212
include service payments in lieu of taxes required under section 213
725.04, 5709.42, 5709.46, 5709.74, or 5709.79 of the Revised 214
Code or service charges in lieu of taxes required under section 215
1728.11 or 1728.111 of the Revised Code. 216

Sec. 5715.19. (A) As used in this section, "member" has 217

the same meaning as in section 1705.01 or 1706.01 of the Revised Code as applicable, ~~and~~ "internet identifier of record" has the same meaning as in section 9.312 of the Revised Code, and "interim period" means, for each county, the tax year to which section 5715.24 of the Revised Code applies and each subsequent tax year until the tax year in which that section applies again.

(1) Subject to division (A)(2) of this section, a complaint against any of the following determinations for the current tax year shall be filed with the county auditor on or before the thirty-first day of March of the ensuing tax year or the date of closing of the collection for the first half of real and public utility property taxes for the current tax year, whichever is later:

(a) Any classification made under section 5713.041 of the Revised Code;

(b) Any determination made under section 5713.32 or 5713.35 of the Revised Code;

(c) Any recoupment charge levied under section 5713.35 of the Revised Code;

(d) The determination of the total valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax list, except parcels assessed by the tax commissioner pursuant to section 5727.06 of the Revised Code;

(e) The determination of the total valuation of any parcel that appears on the agricultural land tax list, except parcels assessed by the tax commissioner pursuant to section 5727.06 of the Revised Code;

(f) Any determination made under division (A) of section 319.302 of the Revised Code.

If such a complaint is filed by mail or certified mail, 247
the date of the United States postmark placed on the envelope or 248
sender's receipt by the postal service shall be treated as the 249
date of filing. A private meter postmark on an envelope is not a 250
valid postmark for purposes of establishing the filing date. 251

Any person owning taxable real property in the county or 252
in a taxing district with territory in the county; such a 253
person's spouse; a tenant of the property owner, if the property 254
is classified as to use for tax purposes as commercial or 255
industrial, the lease requires the tenant to pay the entire 256
amount of taxes charged against the property, and the lease 257
allows, or the property owner otherwise authorizes, the tenant 258
to file such a complaint with respect to the property; an 259
individual who is retained by such a person or tenant and who 260
holds a designation from a professional assessment organization, 261
such as the institute for professionals in taxation, the 262
national council of property taxation, or the international 263
association of assessing officers; a public accountant who holds 264
a permit under section 4701.10 of the Revised Code, a general or 265
residential real estate appraiser licensed or certified under 266
Chapter 4763. of the Revised Code, or a real estate broker 267
licensed under Chapter 4735. of the Revised Code, who is 268
retained by such a person or tenant; if the person or tenant is 269
a firm, company, association, partnership, limited liability 270
company, or corporation, an officer, a salaried employee, a 271
partner, or a member of that person or tenant; if the person or 272
tenant is a trust, a trustee of the trust; the board of county 273
commissioners; the prosecuting attorney or treasurer of the 274
county; the board of township trustees of any township with 275
territory within the county; the board of education of any 276
school district with any territory in the county; or the mayor 277

or legislative authority of any municipal corporation with any 278
territory in the county may file such a complaint regarding any 279
such determination affecting any real property in the county, 280
except that a person owning taxable real property in another 281
county may file such a complaint only with regard to any such 282
determination affecting real property in the county that is 283
located in the same taxing district as that person's real 284
property is located. The county auditor shall present to the 285
county board of revision all complaints filed with the auditor. 286

~~(2) As used in division (A) (2) of this section, "interim 287
period" means, for each county, the tax year to which section 288
5715.24 of the Revised Code applies and each subsequent tax year 289
until the tax year in which that section applies again. 290~~

No person, board, or officer shall file a complaint 291
against the valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears 292
on the tax list if it filed a complaint against the valuation or 293
assessment of that parcel for any prior tax year in the same 294
interim period, unless the person, board, or officer alleges 295
that the valuation or assessment should be changed due to one or 296
more of the following circumstances that occurred after the tax 297
lien date for the tax year for which the prior complaint was 298
filed and that the circumstances were not taken into 299
consideration with respect to the prior complaint: 300

(a) The property was sold in an arm's length transaction, 301
as described in section 5713.03 of the Revised Code; 302

(b) The property lost value due to some casualty; 303

(c) Substantial improvement was added to the property; 304

(d) An increase or decrease of at least fifteen per cent 305
in the property's occupancy has had a substantial economic 306

impact on the property. 307

(3) If a county board of revision, the board of tax 308
appeals, or any court dismisses a complaint filed under this 309
section or section 5715.13 of the Revised Code for the reason 310
that the act of filing the complaint was the unauthorized 311
practice of law or the person filing the complaint was engaged 312
in the unauthorized practice of law, the party affected by a 313
decrease in valuation or the party's agent, or the person owning 314
taxable real property in the county or in a taxing district with 315
territory in the county, may refile the complaint, 316
notwithstanding division (A) (2) of this section. 317

(4) (a) No complaint filed under this section or section 318
5715.13 of the Revised Code shall be dismissed for the reason 319
that the complaint fails to accurately identify the owner of the 320
property that is the subject of the complaint. 321

(b) If a complaint fails to accurately identify the owner 322
of the property that is the subject of the complaint, the board 323
of revision shall exercise due diligence to ensure the correct 324
property owner is notified as required by divisions (B) and (C) 325
of this section. 326

(5) Notwithstanding division (A) (2) of this section, a 327
person, board, or officer may file a complaint against the 328
valuation or assessment of any parcel that appears on the tax 329
list if it filed a complaint against the valuation or assessment 330
of that parcel for any prior tax year in the same interim period 331
if the person, board, or officer withdrew the complaint before 332
the complaint was heard by the board. 333

(B) Within thirty days after the last date such complaints 334
may be filed, the auditor shall give notice of each complaint in 335

which the stated amount of overvaluation, undervaluation, 336
discriminatory valuation, illegal valuation, or incorrect 337
determination is at least seventeen thousand five hundred 338
dollars to each property owner whose property is the subject of 339
the complaint, if the complaint was not filed by the owner or 340
the owner's spouse, and to each board of education whose school 341
district may be affected by the complaint. Within thirty days 342
after receiving such notice, a board of education; a property 343
owner; the owner's spouse; a tenant of the owner, if that tenant 344
would be eligible to file a complaint under division (A) of this 345
section with respect to the property; an individual who is 346
retained by such an owner or tenant and who holds a designation 347
from a professional assessment organization, such as the 348
institute for professionals in taxation, the national council of 349
property taxation, or the international association of assessing 350
officers; a public accountant who holds a permit under section 351
4701.10 of the Revised Code, a general or residential real 352
estate appraiser licensed or certified under Chapter 4763. of 353
the Revised Code, or a real estate broker licensed under Chapter 354
4735. of the Revised Code, who is retained by such ~~a person~~ an 355
owner or tenant; or, if the ~~property~~ owner or tenant is a firm, 356
company, association, partnership, limited liability company, 357
corporation, or trust, an officer, a salaried employee, a 358
partner, a member, or trustee of that ~~property~~ owner or tenant, 359
may file a complaint in support of or objecting to the amount of 360
alleged overvaluation, undervaluation, discriminatory valuation, 361
illegal valuation, or incorrect determination stated in a 362
previously filed complaint or objecting to the current 363
valuation. Upon the filing of a complaint under this division, 364
the board of education ~~or the~~ property owner, or tenant shall 365
be made a party to the action. 366

(C) Each board of revision shall notify any complainant 367
and also the property owner, if the property owner's address is 368
known, when a complaint is filed by one other than the property 369
owner, not less than ten days prior to the hearing, either by 370
certified mail or, if the board has record of an internet 371
identifier of record associated with the owner, by ordinary mail 372
and by that internet identifier of record of the time and place 373
the same will be heard. The board of revision shall hear and 374
render its decision on a complaint within one hundred eighty 375
days after the last day a complaint may be filed with the board 376
under division (A) (1) of this section or, if a complaint is 377
filed within thirty days after receiving notice from the auditor 378
as provided in division (B) of this section, within one hundred 379
eighty days after such filing. 380

(D) The determination of any such complaint shall relate 381
back to the date when the lien for taxes or recoupment charges 382
for the current year attached or the date as of which liability 383
for such year was determined. Liability for taxes and recoupment 384
charges for such year and each succeeding year until the 385
complaint is finally determined and for any penalty and interest 386
for nonpayment thereof within the time required by law shall be 387
based upon the determination, valuation, or assessment as 388
finally determined. Each complaint shall state the amount of 389
overvaluation, undervaluation, discriminatory valuation, illegal 390
valuation, or incorrect classification or determination upon 391
which the complaint is based. The treasurer shall accept any 392
amount tendered as taxes or recoupment charge upon property 393
concerning which a complaint is then pending, computed upon the 394
claimed valuation as set forth in the complaint. If a complaint 395
filed under this section for the current year is not determined 396
by the board within the time prescribed for such determination, 397

the complaint and any proceedings in relation thereto shall be 398
continued by the board as a valid complaint for any ensuing year 399
until such complaint is finally determined by the board or upon 400
any appeal from a decision of the board. In such case, the 401
original complaint shall continue in effect without further 402
filing by the original taxpayer, the original taxpayer's 403
assignee, or any other person or entity authorized to file a 404
complaint under this section. 405

(E) If a taxpayer files a complaint as to the 406
classification, valuation, assessment, or any determination 407
affecting the taxpayer's own property and tenders less than the 408
full amount of taxes or recoupment charges as finally 409
determined, an interest charge shall accrue as follows: 410

(1) If the amount finally determined is less than the 411
amount billed but more than the amount tendered, the taxpayer 412
shall pay interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 413
5703.47 of the Revised Code, computed from the date that the 414
taxes were due on the difference between the amount finally 415
determined and the amount tendered. This interest charge shall 416
be in lieu of any penalty or interest charge under section 417
323.121 of the Revised Code unless the taxpayer failed to file a 418
complaint and tender an amount as taxes or recoupment charges 419
within the time required by this section, in which case section 420
323.121 of the Revised Code applies. 421

(2) If the amount of taxes finally determined is equal to 422
or greater than the amount billed and more than the amount 423
tendered, the taxpayer shall pay interest at the rate prescribed 424
by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code from the date the taxes 425
were due on the difference between the amount finally determined 426
and the amount tendered, such interest to be in lieu of any 427

interest charge but in addition to any penalty prescribed by 428
section 323.121 of the Revised Code. 429

(F) Upon request of a complainant, the tax commissioner 430
shall determine the common level of assessment of real property 431
in the county for the year stated in the request that is not 432
valued under section 5713.31 of the Revised Code, which common 433
level of assessment shall be expressed as a percentage of true 434
value and the common level of assessment of lands valued under 435
such section, which common level of assessment shall also be 436
expressed as a percentage of the current agricultural use value 437
of such lands. Such determination shall be made on the basis of 438
the most recent available sales ratio studies of the 439
commissioner and such other factual data as the commissioner 440
deems pertinent. 441

(G) A complainant shall provide to the board of revision 442
all information or evidence within the complainant's knowledge 443
or possession that affects the real property that is the subject 444
of the complaint. A complainant who fails to provide such 445
information or evidence is precluded from introducing it on 446
appeal to the board of tax appeals or the court of common pleas, 447
except that the board of tax appeals or court may admit and 448
consider the evidence if the complainant shows good cause for 449
the complainant's failure to provide the information or evidence 450
to the board of revision. 451

(H) In case of the pendency of any proceeding in court 452
based upon an alleged excessive, discriminatory, or illegal 453
valuation or incorrect classification or determination, the 454
taxpayer may tender to the treasurer an amount as taxes upon 455
property computed upon the claimed valuation as set forth in the 456
complaint to the court. The treasurer may accept the tender. If 457

the tender is not accepted, no penalty shall be assessed because 458
of the nonpayment of the full taxes assessed. 459

Section 2. That existing sections 5709.121, 5709.91, and 460
5715.19 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 461

Section 3. (A) As used in this section: 462

(1) "Valuation complaint" means a complaint filed under 463
section 5715.19 of the Revised Code against a determination 464
described in division (A) (1) (d) or (e) of that section, a 465
complaint filed in response to such a complaint under division 466
(B) of that section, or a complaint filed under section 5715.13 467
of the Revised Code. 468

(2) "Interim period" has the same meaning as in division 469
(A) (2) of section 5715.19 of the Revised Code. 470

(3) "Eligible person" means any person, board, or officer 471
authorized to file a complaint under division (A) (1) of section 472
5715.19 of the Revised Code. 473

(4) "State COVID-19 order" means any of the following, 474
issued on or after March 9, 2020, as the result of or in 475
response to the COVID-19 pandemic: 476

(a) An executive order issued by the Governor; 477

(b) An order issued by the Director of Health under 478
section 3701.13 of the Revised Code; 479

(c) Any other order authorized by the Revised Code issued 480
by another state official or state agency. 481

(B) Subject to section 5715.19 of the Revised Code, an 482
eligible person may request in a valuation complaint for tax 483
year 2020 that the assessment of true value in money of the 484

property be determined as of October 1, 2020, instead of the tax 485
lien date for that year, provided the request reflects a 486
reduction in true value between those two dates due to a 487
circumstance related to the COVID-19 pandemic or a state COVID- 488
19 order. 489

An eligible person that files such a valuation complaint 490
shall allege with particularity in the complaint how such a 491
circumstance or order caused the reduction in true value of the 492
property. The board of revision shall dismiss a valuation 493
complaint that merely alleges a general decline in economic or 494
market conditions in the area or region in which the property 495
that is the subject of the complaint is located. 496

(C) For any valuation complaint filed by an eligible 497
person for tax year 2020 that includes a request described in 498
division (B) of this section, the board of revision shall 499
consider evidence of diminished true value as of October 1, 500
2020, due to any circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic 501
or state COVID-19 orders, and, if the board determines that this 502
evidence is satisfactory, shall adjust the property's true value 503
in money for that tax year to reflect that diminished valuation 504
as of that date. That adjusted value shall apply to subsequent 505
tax years in accordance with section 5715.19 of the Revised 506
Code. 507

(D) Notwithstanding division (A) (1) of section 5715.19 of 508
the Revised Code, a valuation complaint authorized under 509
division (B) of this section shall be filed with the county 510
auditor on or before the thirtieth day after the effective date 511
of this section. The county auditor and the county board of 512
revision shall otherwise proceed as provided in section 5715.19 513
of the Revised Code for complaints filed under that section. 514

(E) Notwithstanding division (A) (2) of section 5715.19 of the Revised Code, an eligible person may file a valuation complaint authorized under division (B) of this section, regardless of whether that eligible person filed any complaint under section 5715.19 of the Revised Code relative to that parcel for any preceding tax year in the same interim period.

Section 4. Terms used in this section have the same meanings as in Section 3 of this act.

Notwithstanding division (A) (2) of section 5715.19 of the Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in this section, an eligible person may file a valuation complaint that conforms with the requirements of this section for tax year 2021 or 2022, regardless of whether that eligible person filed any complaint under section 5715.19 of the Revised Code relative to that parcel for any preceding tax year in the same interim period.

To qualify for this exception, the valuation complaint must solely request that the assessment of true value in money of the property account for any reduction in true value due to a circumstance related to the COVID-19 pandemic or a state COVID-19 order and allege with particularity how such circumstance or order caused the reduction in true value of the property. The exception authorized under this section does not apply, and the board of revision shall enforce division (A) (2) of section 5715.19 of the Revised Code, if the valuation complaint merely alleges a general decline in economic or market conditions in the area or region in which the property that is the subject of the complaint is located or alleges any other factor contributing to the reduction other than a circumstance related to the COVID-19 pandemic or a state COVID-19 order.

Section 5. The amendment by this act of section 5709.121

of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2021 and every tax year 545
thereafter, as well as to any tax year at issue in an 546
application for exemption from taxation or any appeal from such 547
an application pending before the Tax Commissioner, the Board of 548
Tax Appeals, any court of common pleas or court of appeals, or 549
the Supreme Court on the effective date of that amendment and to 550
the property that is the subject of any such application or 551
appeal. That amendment is remedial in nature and the purpose 552
thereof is to clarify the intent of the General Assembly that 553
real property described in division (F) of section 5709.121 of 554
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, is exempt from 555
taxation. 556

The amendment by this act of section 5715.19 of the 557
Revised Code applies to complaints or counterclaims to 558
complaints filed for tax year 2021 or any tax year thereafter. 559

Section 6. The amendment by this act of section 5709.91 of 560
the Revised Code applies to any proceedings commenced or 561
instruments recorded after the amendment's effective date, and, 562
so far as the amendment supports the actions taken, also applies 563
to proceedings that on its effective date are pending, in 564
progress, or completed, or instruments that have previously been 565
recorded, notwithstanding the applicable law previously in 566
effect or any provision to the contrary in a prior resolution, 567
ordinance, order, advertisement, notice, instrument, or other 568
proceeding. Any proceedings pending or in progress on the 569
effective date of the amendment shall be deemed to have been 570
taken in conformity with the amendment. 571

The authority provided in the amendment by this act of 572
section 5709.91 of the Revised Code provides additional and 573
supplemental provisions for the subject matter that may also be 574

the subject of other laws, and is supplemental to and not in 575
derogation of any similar authority provided by, derived from, 576
or implied by the Ohio Constitution, or any other law, including 577
laws amended by this act, or any charter, order, resolution, or 578
ordinance, and no inference shall be drawn to negate the 579
authority thereunder by reason of express provisions contained 580
in the amendment by this act of section 5709.91 of the Revised 581
Code. 582

Section 7. Section 5715.19 of the Revised Code is 583
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 584
by both S.B. 259 and S.B. 276 of the 133rd General Assembly. The 585
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 586
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 587
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 588
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 589
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 590
presented in this act. 591