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**Sectional Analysis – CSHB 347 (CR&A)**

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**“An Act relating to assessment of property, boards of equalization, and certification of assessors; and providing for an effective date.”**

**Section 1:** Requires local assessors to use published standards. Default standards will be adopted by the state, or a local governing body can adopt alternate standards by ordinance.

**Section 2:** Requires the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to adopt the default assessment standards—based on those published by the International Association of Assessing Officers—by regulation.

**Section 3:** Requires a local assessor to have or be supervised by someone who has a level 3 certification from the Alaska Association of Assessing Officers.

**Section 4:** Requires an assessor if requested by the person to meet with the person and answer any reasonable questions relating to the methods used to assess the person’s property.

**Section 5:** Says a local governing body must appoint a Board of Equalization unless it adopts an ordinance to set itself as the Board of Equalization.

**Section 6:** Prohibits local government from raising the assessed value of the property during the appeals process, unless requested by the appellant. Sec. 5 also requires a Board of Equalization to make specific findings on the record if it disagrees with a fee appraisal.

**Section 7:** Lets the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development adopt regulations setting the default assessment standards.

**Section 8:** Sets an immediate effective date for the department to put out regulations.

**Section 9:** Sets a January 1, 2025 effective date for all other changes in the bill.