



SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HB 84: MUNI PROP TAX EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTED PROP

Section 1: Amends *AS 29.45.050 Optional exemptions and exclusions* to allow municipalities to completely exempt property taxes for an economic development property. Currently, only the amount above the school district's local required contribution may be exempted.

Section 2: Adds a new section *AS 29.45.057 Levy of tax on blighted property* that allows municipalities to adopt an ordinance establishing a blight tax. The ordinance must include the following:

- Standards for determining if a property is blighted;
- A procedure for designating a property as blighted, notifying the property owner, and providing the property owner an opportunity to appeal;
- A tax rate for the blighted property;
- Standards for remediating or redeveloping the property so it will no longer be considered blighted;
- A duration of time and reduced tax rate for remediated properties.

To qualify for the reduced tax rate, the property owner must have a plan for remediating or redeveloping the property submitted to and approved by the municipality. They must also fulfill the terms of the plan.

Municipalities may designate the tax revenue to be used for community redevelopment purposes.

Primary residences are exempt from this section.

Section 3: Provides an effective date.