

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS85106-LY-28 (2/7)

Short Title: Publish Revenue-Neutral Property Tax Rate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rucho.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PUBLISH THE
REVENUE-NEUTRAL TAX RATE IN YEARS WHEN THERE IS A GENERAL
REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 159-11 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) In each year in which a general reappraisal of real property has been conducted, the budget officer shall include in the budget, for comparison purposes, a statement of the revenue-neutral property tax rate for the budget. The revenue-neutral property tax rate is the rate that is estimated to produce revenue for the next fiscal year equal to the revenue that would have been produced for the next fiscal year by the current tax rate if no reappraisal had occurred. To calculate the revenue-neutral tax rate, the budget officer shall first determine a rate that would produce revenues equal to those produced for the current fiscal year and then increase the rate by a growth factor equal to the average annual percentage increase in the tax base due to improvements since the last general reappraisal. This growth factor represents the expected percentage increase in the value of the tax base due to improvements during the next fiscal year. The budget officer shall further adjust the rate to account for any annexation, deannexation, merger, or similar event."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.