

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1548

Property Appraisers
by Senator Saunders

Allows property appraisers discretionary use of image technology in lieu of physical inspection to ensure that the tax roll meets all requirements of the law. Revises required time limitations for filing applications for homestead exemptions. Revises procedural requirements for property appraiser approval of such exemptions relating to an applicant's failure to apply for the exemption in a timely manner.

Revises factors for consideration by property appraisers in determining permanent residency for homestead exemption purposes to include, but not be limited to, evidence of the location where the applicant's dependent children are registered for school, a valid Florida driver's license and evidence of relinquishment of driver's licenses from any other states, and proof of payment for utilities at the property for which permanent residency is being claimed. (See bill for details)