OLR Bill Analysis
sHB 7368 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MASS APPRAISAL SOFTWARE.

SUMMARY
By law, municipalities may hire an Office of Policy and Management-certified revaluation company to collect and analyze property data, perform mass appraisal valuation or field review functions, and prepare and mail valuation notices.

This bill requires companies that provide appraisal software systems under a contract with a town for a revaluation conducted by a certified revaluation company to provide access to the software system to (1) the revaluation company and (2) any new company the town enters into a contract with to provide such software systems. Specifically, the bill requires companies that provide a computer-aided mass appraisal software system for use in a revaluation to provide access to all system data and databases owned or used by the municipality. Access must be provided (1) at no additional cost; (2) in a fully functional, unencrypted form; and (3) in the electronic format the municipality uses.

The bill’s provisions apply to contracts entered into, renewed, amended, or continued on or after the bill’s effective date.

*House Amendment “A” makes the bill effective upon passage, rather than October 1, 2019; adds a provision requiring system providers to provide system access to a new system provider contracting with the town; and makes other minor changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION
Planning and Development Committee
Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea  21  Nay  0  (03/29/2019)