
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1100 (File 671, as amended by House "A" and Senate "A" and "B")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS.

SUMMARY

The FY 20-21 budget act increased, from \$20 to \$80, the fee that specified business entities must pay to file an annual report with the secretary of the state (PA 19-117, §§ 344-346). Under current law, the fee increase applies for annual reports filed beginning July 1, 2020. This bill instead provides that for limited liability companies, the \$80 filing fee applies to annual reports filed for any year on or after July 1, 2020, rather than any filings made on or after that date. Reports filed for any year before July 1, 2020, are subject to the \$20 fee. By law, unchanged by the bill, the annual report filing fee for limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships remains at \$80 for reports filed on or after July 1, 2020.

The bill also allows taxpayers in five municipalities to claim a property tax exemption for specified property and grand lists even though they missed the November 1 filing deadline.

*Senate Amendment "A" (1) eliminates failure to file provisions concerning specified renewable energy systems in Middlefield and Middletown for the 2020 grand list year and (2) adds an additional failure to file provision for Middletown for the 2017-2019 grand list years.

*Senate Amendment "B" adds the annual report filing fee provision.

*House Amendment "A" adds the failure to file provisions for Danbury and Seymour.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021, for the property tax exemption

provisions and upon passage for the annual report filing fee provision.

EXEMPTION DEADLINE WAIVERS

The bill allows taxpayers in Danbury, Hartford, Middletown, Plainville, and Seymour to claim a property tax exemption, for the property and grand lists shown in Table 1, even though they missed the November 1 filing deadline. It does so by waiving the deadline if the taxpayer files for the exemption by July 31, 2021, and pays the statutory late filing fee. The tax assessor must confirm that he or she received the fee, verify the property's eligibility for the exemption, and subsequently approve the exemption. The municipality must refund any taxes, interest, or penalties paid on the property as if the claim was timely filed.

Table 1: Exemption Deadline Waivers Under the Bill

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Grand List</i>	<i>Exemption</i>
Hartford	2018 and 2019	Machinery and equipment used for manufacturing, biotechnology, and recycling (§ 12-81(76))
Plainville	2020	
Seymour	2018	
Danbury	2019 and 2020	Property owned, or held in trust for, any corporation organized exclusively for scientific, educational, literary, historical, or charitable purposes and used exclusively for such purposes or preserving open space land (§ 12-81(7))
Middletown	2017	
	2017, 2018, and 2019	

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 47 Nay 1 (04/22/2021)