## SENATE BILL NO. 106

## INTRODUCED BY GAGE BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

## IN THE SENATE

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JANUARY 8, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
JANUARY 22, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 23, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 25, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
	IN THE HOUSE
JANUARY 26, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
	FIRST READING.
APRIL 7, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 12, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 13, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 78; NOES, 22.
APRIL 14, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.
	IN THE SENATE
APRIL 15, 1993	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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- (5) A taxpayer whose nonexempt livestock are assessed under subsection (3) for a period shorter than the actual number of months that the livestock have taxable situs is subject to additional taxes for the number of additional months that the livestock has taxable situs in the state."
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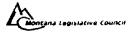
1	SENATE BILL NO. 106
2	INTRODUCED BY GAGE
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REFUND OF
6	LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES BY A COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR JUDICIAL
7	REVIEW OF A TAX REFUND DECISION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;
8	AMENDING SECTIONS 15-16-602, 15-16-612, 15-16-613,
9	15-24-920, AND 20-15-403, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION
10	15-16-601, MCA."
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
13	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Refund of taxes limitations
14	on refunds. (1) Subject to the provisions in subsections (2)
15	and (3), a board of county commissioners shall order a
16	refund:
17	(a) on a tax, penalty, interest, or cost paid more than
18	once or erroneously or illegally collected if an appeal
19	pursuant to 15-1-402 was not available;
20	(b) on a tax paid for which a refund is allowed under
21	15-16-612 or 15-16-613;
22	(c) on a tax, penalty, or interest collected as a
23	result of an error in the description or location of real
24	property or improvements or for duplicate taxes paid as
25	determined by the department of revenue;

(d) on net or gross proceeds tax, centrally assessed
property tax, or local government severance tax, penalty, or
interest when the department of revenue notifies the board
of county commissioners of an assessment revision completed
pursuant to 15-8-601; or

- (e) upon entry of a decision either by the district court or by the state tax appeal board under 15-2-306 that has not been appealed to a higher court.
- (2) The taxpayer shall prove that a refund is due under subsection (1)(a) or (1)(b).
- (3) A refund may not be granted under subsection (1)(a) or (1)(b) unless the taxpayer or a representative of the taxpayer files a written claim with the board of county commissioners within 10 years after the date when the second half of the taxes would have become delinquent if the taxes had not been paid.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Judicial review of tax refund denials. (1) A taxpayer aggrieved by a final decision of the board of county commissioners under [section 1] is entitled to a judicial review of the decision under this section.

of county commissioners must be instituted by filing a petition for judicial review in the district court of the county within 30 days of receipt of the board's decision. A copy of the petition must be served on the board of county



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(3) Review of a decision of the board of county commissioners must be conducted by the district court under the standards of review set out in 2-4-704. Additional evidence may be received by the district court under the standards set out in 2-4-703.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Payment of refunds. (1) In the order to refund a tax, penalty, interest, or cost under [section 1], the board of county commissioners shall determine the method of payment. The board may refund the amount due the taxpayer in installments over a period not to exceed 10 years. If the refund is made in installments, the taxpayer is entitled to interest on the unpaid balance at the interest rate received on public money invested by the county as provided in Title 7, chapter 6, part 2; Title 7, chapter 6, part 27; or 17-6-204.

(2) A refund of a tax, penalty, interest, or cost under [section 1] must be paid by the county treasurer out of the general fund of the county. The county treasurer shall transfer money from other funds of the county and of the state, school district, or other taxing jurisdictions that are proratably responsible for the refunds as may be necessary to reimburse the county general fund for the refund.

Section 4. Section 15-16-602, MCA, is amended to read:

1 \*15-16-602. Concurrent remedies. Section--15-16-601 2 [Sections 1 through 3] shall may not be deemed considered or 3 construed to be in conflict with the provisions of part-4-of chapter 1, part 4. but-15-16-601 [Sections 1 through 3] and the provisions of such part 4 shall provide and afford 6 concurrent remedies."

Section 5. Section 15-16-612, MCA, is amended to read:

8 "15-16-612. Refund of tax paid. (1) If the property is 9 destroyed after the property taxes have been paid for the 10 current year, the taxpayer is entitled to a refund of the 11 amount of tax paid in excess of the adjusted amount required 12 by 15-16-611.

(2) A refund shall must be made as provided for in 13 14 15-16-601 [sections 1 through 3].\*

15 Section 6. Section 15-16-613, MCA, is amended to read:

16 \*15-16-613. Refund of certain taxes paid on migratory property. (1) Subject to the provisions of 15-16-601 [sections 1 through 3] and upon proof that a tax was paid in another state on the same property, a taxpayer whose 20 property is assessed under 15-24-303 for a period longer 21 than the actual number of months that the property has taxable situs in the state is entitled to a refund, as 22

24 (2) To obtain a refund, a taxpayer shall file an 25 application for refund with the county treasurer in the

provided in this section.

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- county where the property was originally taxed. A <u>If a</u>

  taxpayer receives an order by the board of county

  commissioners pursuant to [section 1], the taxpayer shall

  apply for a refund allowed under this section by January 31

  following the year of assessment, and the <u>The</u> county shall

  make the refund within the first quarter of the following

  fiscal year. The application must be made on a form provided

  by the department of revenue and may require information as

  prescribed by rule of the department.
  - (3) The amount of the refund is the difference between the amount of tax paid under 15-24-303 and the tax owed based upon the number of months the property had taxable situs in the state for the year. The refund may not exceed the amount of the tax paid.
- 15 (4) For the purposes of this section, "month" means any
  16 part of a calendar month."
  - Section 7. Section 15-24-920, MCA, is amended to read:
- 18 "15-24-920. Election for proration of tax on livestock
  19 -- refunds -- additional assessment. (1) An owner of
  20 livestock who moves his the livestock interstate may elect
- 21 to have his the nonexempt livestock taxed on a prorated
- 22 basis.

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23 (2) The owner shall file his an election with the 24 county assessor:

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25 (a) on the statement required in 15-24-903; or

- 1 (b) if his the livestock have taxable situs in the 2 state before March 1, on a form prescribed by the 3 department. The statement must indicate the number of months 4 the owner's livestock will be in the state.
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