
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAX APPEALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 232-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§232-5 Small claims.** (a) The tax appeal court shall
4 establish by rule a small claims procedure that, to the greatest
5 extent practicable, shall be informal[-]; provided that:

- 6 (1) The court shall not allow pretrial discovery; and
7 (2) Costs and fees awarded to the prevailing party shall
8 be limited to fees paid directly to the court in the
9 course of conducting the tax appeal at issue.

10 (b) Any protesting taxpayer who would incur a total tax
11 liability, not including penalties and interest, of less than
12 \$1,000, by reason of the protested assessment or payment in
13 question, may elect to employ the procedure established by rule
14 in accordance with this section upon:

- 15 (1) Payment per taxpayer of a non-refundable filing fee
16 set pursuant to rules adopted by the supreme court,
17 which shall not exceed \$25; and



1 (2) Filing with the tax appeal court a written statement
2 of the facts in the case, together with a waiver of
3 the right to further appeal.

4 The tax appeal court shall cause a notice of the appeal and a
5 copy of the statement to be served on the director of taxation."

6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Tax Appeals; Small Claims

Description:

Prohibits discovery and limits the award of costs in controversies involving small claim tax appeals. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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