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Mrvan initiative to halt late property tax bills approved by Senate
Measure would require a uniform payment schedule be maintained

INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate voted unanimously today to approve a measure that would make changes to the property tax billing process. State Senator Frank Mrvan (D-Hammond), who is cosponsoring House Bill (HB) 1059 in the Senate, says the measure would provide property owners with proper notice of the tax amount due on their properties and maintain a consistent schedule for bills.

“This is one of the most important bills of this session,” said Mrvan. “It provides the state with the opportunity to help our cities by cutting costs on our borrowing and saving millions around the state.”

HB 1059 would require counties that anticipate being behind schedule with spring tax bills to send provisional tax bills by April 1st, in which 50 percent of the previous year’s total tax liability would be due by May 25th. If the final property tax bills were not determined by fall, the remaining 50 percent of the previous year’s bill would be collected by November 10th. If the final amount for the current year can be determined, a reconciliation bill for the remainder of the current year’s taxes would be issued and due in November.

Sen. Mrvan said the measure will take the guesswork out of the process and maintain the timeliness of property tax bill mailings. This would allow the county time to determine the accurate amount of taxes owed while the abstract of the property is being completed. The proposal would also allow taxpayers to make uniform payments until a reconciling statement is issued and any overpayments in property taxes corrected.

The House of Representatives originally voted unanimously to approve the initiative. The bill will now return to the House where Senate changes to the bill will be considered.

For more information on Senator Mrvan, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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