

S.F. No. 697 – Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT); Increasing Payments; Modifying Valuations; Requiring Report

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SF 697 makes the following changes to Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT):

Section 1. Types of land; payments. Increases, from \$2 to \$3, the payment per acre for county-administered and commissioner-administered other natural resource land and establishes two new PILT payments based on the total acreage of PILT land within the county. Counties where the total number of PILT acreage is equal to or greater than 25% of the total land in the county will receive an additional 18 cents per acre, and counties where the total number of PILT acreage is greater than 10% but less than 25% of the total land will receive an additional 8 cents per acre. Effective beginning with aids payable in 2024.

Section 2. Determination of appraised value. Provides that the appraised value of acquired natural resources land shall not be reduced below the most recent appraised value. Effective beginning with aids payable in 2024.

Section 3. Adjustment. Provides that the commissioner of revenue shall annually adjust each payment rate for inflation. Effective beginning with aids payable in 2024.

Section 4. Study of state-owned lakeshore. Requires the commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and counties, to produce a report on valuation methods used to value the acreage and shoreline within all commissioner-administered and county-administered natural resources land. Effective the day following final enactment.