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LB 452, 850, 1173, 1175

bills. Section 1 of LB 1175...or, excuse me, Section 1 of AM2193 contains the provisions of LB 850, originally introduced by Senator Beutler. That legislation applies to primary class cities, proposing to amend Section 15-201.02 to authorize the purchase of real property using installment contracts or lease purchase agreements. Section 2 contains the provisions of LB 1173, introduced by myself, as amended by the adopted committee amendment. This bill amends the Community Development Law, and is concerned with the determination of the effective date for the division of real estate taxes pursuant to a redevelopment plan under the Community Development Law. Section 18-2147 of the CDL provides that the notice of the approval of tax increment financing for a redevelopment project must be delivered to the county assessor prior to August 1 of the year in which the provision in the redevelopment plan implementing the division of real estate taxes is effective. The problem here arises when a redevelopment authority or a city tenders the notice to the assessor outside of the statutory time frame. The circumstance occurs when a redevelopment plan is approved after August 1 of the particular year, or when a redevelopment agreement or bond is not approved until a year subsequent to the redevelopment plan approval, which happens to be a quite...quite a common circumstance. In short, what we're doing is that the legislation here provides what we feel is a clear intent language, and explicitly provides that the effective date is the later of the effective date of the resolution of the governing body approving the redevelopment plan. Sections 4 and 5 of this legislation incorporate the provisions of LB 452, introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee in the 2005 Session. LB 452 amends state law to allow fire inspectors and building inspectors from cities of the second class and villages to issue citations for violations of fire, health, and safety codes, and constructional technical codes. Under current law, Section 19-4801, fire inspectors and building inspectors from cities of the metropolitan, primary, and first classes have this authority, and that was granted in 1988 (sic--1998). The bill would extend the same authority to these other classes of municipalities. The inspectors would be required to be trained by a certified law enforcement officer in the policies and procedures for issuance of citations. The citation would be equivalent to and have the same legal effect