

State of California

REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE

Section 95.3

95.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the 1990–91 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the auditor shall divide the sum of the amounts calculated with respect to each jurisdiction, Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF), or community redevelopment agency pursuant to Sections 96.1 and 100, or their predecessor sections, and Section 33670 of the Health and Safety Code, by the countywide total of those calculated amounts. The resulting ratio shall be known as the “administrative cost apportionment factor” and shall be multiplied by the sum of the property tax administrative costs incurred in the immediately preceding fiscal year by the assessor, tax collector, county board of equalization and assessment appeals boards, and auditor to determine the fiscal year property tax administrative costs proportionately attributable to each jurisdiction, ERAF, or community redevelopment agency. For purposes of this paragraph, property tax administrative costs shall also include applicable administrative overhead costs allowed by the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 standards, but shall not include any amount reimbursed pursuant to Section 75.60 and former Section 98.6, or include any amount in excess of the amounts reimbursable pursuant to Section 75.60, unless a county meets the conditions of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 75.60. However, no amount of funds appropriated to counties for purposes of property tax administration in Item 9100-102-001 of the Budget Act of 1994 or any subsequent Budget Act shall result in any deduction from those property tax administrative costs that are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this subdivision.

(b) (1) Each proportionate share of property tax administrative costs determined pursuant to subdivision (a), except for those proportionate shares determined with respect to a school entity or ERAF, shall be deducted from the property tax revenue allocation of the relevant jurisdiction or community redevelopment agency, and shall be added to the property tax revenue allocation of the county. For purposes of applying this paragraph for the 1990–91 fiscal year, each proportionate share of property tax administrative costs shall be deducted from those amounts allocated to the relevant jurisdiction or community redevelopment agency after January 1, 1991.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the portion of those shares of property tax administrative costs that are calculated by the auditor for each fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (a) for school entities and the county’s ERAF, that is attributable to the county’s costs in providing boards and hearing officers for the review of property tax assessment appeals, be calculated by local officials and reimbursed by the state in the time and manner specified by a future act of the Legislature that makes an appropriation for purposes of that reimbursement.

(c) Reductions made pursuant to this section to property tax revenue allocations shall be made without regard to Section 907 of the Government Code.

(d) Any additional amounts of property tax revenue allocated to the county pursuant to this section shall be used only to fund costs incurred by the county in assessing, equalizing, and collecting property taxes, and in allocating property tax revenues, and shall constitute charges for those services, not exceeding the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the county in performing those services.

(e) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to recognize that since the adoption of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by the voters, county governments have borne an unfair and disproportionate part of the financial burden of assessing, collecting, and allocating property tax revenues for other jurisdictions and for redevelopment agencies. The Legislature finds and declares that this section is intended to fairly apportion the burden of collecting property tax revenues and is not a reallocation of property tax revenue shares or a transfer of any financial or program responsibility.

(f) Commencing with the 1992–93 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, this section shall supersede and replace Section 95.2, as authority for a county to recover property tax administrative costs.

(g) This section shall apply to the entire 1993–94 fiscal year, regardless of the operative date of the act adding the predecessor to this section, and to each fiscal year thereafter.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1073, Sec. 2. Effective September 30, 1996.)