

# HOUSE BILL No. 4913

May 12, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Knollenberg, Haines, Denby, Terry Brown, Smith, Donigan and Calley and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled  
"Tax tribunal act,"  
(MCL 205.701 to 205.779) by adding section 35b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 35B. (1) AFTER A PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 35A AND  
2 A TAX TRIBUNAL DOCKET NUMBER IS ASSIGNED, A PETITIONER MAY REQUEST  
3 AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

4           (2) IF A PETITIONER FILES A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN INFORMAL  
5 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WITH THE TAX TRIBUNAL, THE ASSESSING AGENCY  
6 SHALL SCHEDULE AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WITHIN 60 DAYS.  
7 THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SHALL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF  
8 THE ASSESSOR FOR THE ASSESSING AGENCY.

9           (3) AT THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, THE PETITIONER AND

1 THE ASSESSING AGENCY MAY ENTER INTO A BINDING WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO  
2 DISMISS THE PETITIONER'S APPEAL. ANY WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO DISMISS  
3 THE PETITIONER'S APPEAL SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TAX TRIBUNAL.

4 (4) IF THE PETITIONER AND THE ASSESSING AGENCY DO NOT AGREE TO  
5 DISMISS THE PETITIONER'S APPEAL, THE APPEAL SHALL CONTINUE AS  
6 PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.