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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting the following:

‘2. Preparation of estimates. In order to assess a county tax, the county commissioners, prior to November 7th in each year for counties on a January to December fiscal year and April 15th for counties on a July to June fiscal year, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to pay the expenses ~~which~~that have accrued or may probably accrue for the coming year, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties.

The estimates must be drawn so as to authorize the appropriations to be made to each department or agency of the county government for the year. The estimates must provide specific amounts for personal services, contractual services, commodities, debt service and capital expenditures.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 13 and 14 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Amend the bill in section 7 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 3, lines 24 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘A. Budget committee members must be elected on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November in each even-numbered year beginning in 1994. Each term begins ~~January 1st~~on the first day of the fiscal year following the election.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires county commissioners to provide estimates of county taxes by April 15th for counties using a fiscal year from July to June.

It also changes language regarding the timing of the election for Knox County budget committee members so that the committee members are still elected at the November election, but their terms do not begin until the first day of the fiscal year.