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## PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS Early Payment of Refunds for Claims Filed Electronically

March 14, 2005

	Yes	No
Separate Official Fiscal Note Requested	X	
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>		
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	X	

Department of Revenue  
Analysis of H.F. 549 (Johnson, J.) / S.F. 812 (Gaither)

	<b>Fund Impact</b>			
	<u>F.Y. 2006</u>	<u>F.Y. 2007</u>	<u>F.Y. 2008</u>	<u>F.Y. 2009</u>
	(000's)			
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective the day following final enactment.

### EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

**Current Law:** Property tax refunds for renters and mobile home owners who file claims by June 15<sup>th</sup> are sent out between August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Property tax refunds for homeowners who file claims by August 1<sup>st</sup> are sent out between September 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Claimants who file after these dates generally receive their property tax refunds within 60 days after they file.

**Proposed Law:** Renters and homeowners who file property tax refund claims electronically may receive their refunds up to 30 days earlier. Renters' refunds could be sent out as early as July 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, and homeowners' refunds could be sent out as early as August 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.

### REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- If property tax refunds for those who file electronically were sent out one month earlier, there would be no fiscal impact. The refunds would be sent out in the same fiscal year under both the current law and the proposed law.

**Number of Taxpayers:** Approximately 39,500 taxpayers filed their 2003 property tax refund claim electronically out of a total of 557,000 claims. It is not known how many more claimants might file electronically as a result of this bill.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Tax Research Division  
[http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal\\_policy](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy)

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