

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HB 837 — Tax Deeds

by Local and Federal Affairs Committee and Rep. Mayfield (CS/SB 1026 by Appropriations Committee and Senator Thrasher).

Florida law authorizes tax collectors to issue tax certificates against parcels of real property for delinquent taxes. When a tax certificate is not redeemed by a property owner, the certificate holder may apply for a tax deed on the property. Tax collectors may charge a \$75 fee for these tax deed applications.

CS/HB 837 amends s. 197.502, F.S., to provide authorization for tax collectors to receive reimbursement for electronic tax deed application services. When a tax certificate holder applies for a tax deed electronically, the fee will be added to the application and paid for by the applicant. If the tax collector charges a combined fee in excess of \$75 for tax deed applications and the online service, applicants for tax deeds have the option to not use the electronic service.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0