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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to homestead exemption;
amending s. 196.131, F.S.; providing a penalty
for claiming homestead exemption if the source
of the funds for the home came from fraudulent
sources; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 196.131, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

196.131 Homestead exemptions; claims.--

(1) At the time each taxpayer files claim for
homestead exemption, the property appraiser shall deliver to
the taxpayer a receipt over his or her signature, or that of a
duly authorized deputy, which shall appropriately identify the
property covered in the application, shall bear date as of the
day such application is received by the property appraiser,
and shall include any serial number or other identifying data
desired by said property appraiser. The possession of such
receipt shall constitute conclusive proof of the timely filing
of such application.

(2) Any person who knowingly and willfully gives false
information for the purpose of claiming homestead exemption as
provided for in this chapter ~~commits is guilty of~~ a
misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
775.082 or by fine not exceeding \$5,000, or both.

(3) Any person who knowingly and willfully claims
homestead exemption on a home which has been paid for, in part
or in whole, with funds which are derived from a fraudulent
source such as corporate fraud commits a misdemeanor of the

1 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by fine
2 not exceeding \$5,000, or both.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.
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