

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the advertisement of real or personal  
 3           property with delinquent taxes; amending s. 197.402, F.S.;  
 4           reducing the number of required advertisements for certain  
 5           tax certificate sales; specifying a minimum time period  
 6           for such advertisement prior to a sale; amending s.  
 7           197.403, F.S.; revising a published notice copy  
 8           transmittal requirement; providing an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 197.402, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           197.402 Advertisement of real or personal property with  
 15 delinquent taxes.--

16           (3) Except as provided in s. 197.432(4), on or before June  
 17 1 or the 60th day after the date of delinquency, whichever is  
 18 later, the tax collector shall advertise once at least 21 days  
 19 prior to a sale under this subsection ~~each week for 3 weeks~~ and  
 20 shall sell tax certificates on all real property with delinquent  
 21 taxes. The tax collector shall make a list of such properties in  
 22 the same order in which the lands were assessed, specifying the  
 23 amount due on each parcel, including interest at the rate of 18  
 24 percent per year from the date of delinquency to the date of  
 25 sale; the cost of advertising; and the expense of sale.

26           Section 2. Section 197.403, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 27 to read:

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28           197.403 Publisher to furnish copy of advertisement to tax  
29 collector; proof of publication; fees.--The newspaper publishing  
30 the notice of a tax sale shall transmit by mail a copy of the  
31 paper containing the ~~each~~ notice to the tax collector within 10  
32 days after ~~the last required~~ publication. When the publication  
33 of the tax sale notice is completed as provided by law, the  
34 publisher shall make an affidavit, in the form prescribed by the  
35 department, which shall be delivered to the tax collector and  
36 annexed to the report of certificates sold for taxes as provided  
37 by s. 197.432(8).

38           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.