

By Senator Baker

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See HB 289

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

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

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

16 197.402 Advertisement of real or personal property
17 with delinquent taxes.--

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

29 Section 2. Section 197.403, Florida Statutes, is
30 amended to read:

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1 197.403 Publisher to furnish copy of advertisement to
2 tax collector; proof of publication; fees.--The newspaper
3 publishing the notice of a tax sale shall transmit by mail a
4 copy of the paper containing the each notice to the tax
5 collector within 10 days after ~~the last required~~ publication.
6 When the publication of the tax sale notice is completed as
7 provided by law, the publisher shall make an affidavit, in the
8 form prescribed by the department, which shall be delivered to
9 the tax collector and annexed to the report of certificates
10 sold for taxes as provided by s. 197.432(8).

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

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