

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.; creating a pilot
5 program for certain counties to study the
6 effectiveness of current legislation that
7 governs the advertisement of real or personal
8 property with delinquent taxes; providing
9 requirements for the pilot program; requiring
10 the tax collector of each county to report to
11 the Legislature on the results of the pilot
12 program; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 197.402,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 197.402 Advertisement of real or personal property
19 with delinquent taxes.--

20 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,
21 the counties of Lake, Marion, Seminole, and Sumter shall enter
22 into a pilot program for the next two full property tax
23 cycles. During this time the tax collector in each county
24 shall, in lieu of the advertisement required in subsection
25 (3), advertise once at least 21 days prior to a sale under
26 that subsection. At the end of this 2-year pilot program, the
27 tax collector in each of the counties named in this subsection
28 shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives, on or before October
30 1, 2007, which compares the effectiveness of single
31 publication versus the effectiveness of triple publication by

1 listing the number and percentage of properties on which
2 delinquent taxes were paid after the single publication in
3 comparison to the number and percentage of properties on which
4 delinquent taxes were paid after three publications.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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