

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to ad valorem property tax payment  
3           discounts; authorizing certain counties to extend the time  
4           during which ad valorem property tax payments made by  
5           property owners may be eligible for discounts for early  
6           payment under certain circumstances; providing an  
7           exception; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 197.162, Florida Statutes,  
12 in any county that has been declared a major disaster area by  
13 the President of the United States because of a 2005 named  
14 storm, and upon an affirmative vote of the governing body of  
15 that county, property tax payments made by the owners of the  
16 property shall be eligible for any of the following early  
17 payment discounts authorized by the county: 4 percent if made by  
18 January 31, 2006, 3 percent if made by February 28, 2006, and 2  
19 percent if made by March 31, 2006. This provision shall not  
20 apply to payments made on behalf of property owners by financial  
21 institutions.

22           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.