

HB 615

2009

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to tax collectors; amending s. 197.332,
 3 F.S.; authorizing tax collectors to establish branch
 4 offices and staff such offices subject to budget approval
 5 to perform certain duties on behalf of certain state
 6 agencies; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 197.332, Florida Statutes, is amended
 11 to read:

12 197.332 Duties of tax collectors.--

13 (1) The tax collector has the authority and obligation to
 14 collect all taxes as shown on the tax roll by the date of
 15 delinquency or to collect delinquent taxes, interest, and costs,
 16 by sale of tax certificates on real property and by seizure and
 17 sale of personal property. The tax collector shall be allowed to
 18 collect reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in actions on
 19 proceedings to recover delinquent taxes, interest, and costs.

20 (2) The tax collector may establish one or more branch
 21 offices by acquiring title to real property, or by lease
 22 agreement, and to staff and equip such branch office, subject to
 23 annual budget approval as defined in s. 195.087(2), to perform
 24 expressed state duties on behalf of the Department of Revenue,
 25 and as agent of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 26 Vehicles pursuant to ss. 195.002 and 195.087, this chapter, and
 27 chapters 319, 320, and 322.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.