

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to value adjustment boards; requiring a  
 3           petitioner challenging ad valorem taxes before the value  
 4           adjustment board to pay a specified percentage of the  
 5           taxes by a certain date; requiring the board to deny the  
 6           petition if the required amount of taxes is not timely  
 7           paid; requiring the payment of interest on certain unpaid  
 8           taxes; amending s. 197.162, F.S.; deleting a provision  
 9           providing for a discount for ad valorem taxes paid within  
 10          30 days after the mailing of a tax notice resulting from  
 11          the action of a value adjustment board; providing an  
 12          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. Partial payment of ad valorem taxes;  
 17 proceedings before value adjustment board.-

18           (1) A petitioner before the value adjustment board who  
 19 challenges an assessment of property or the denial of a  
 20 classification or an exemption must pay all of the non-ad  
 21 valorem assessments and make a partial payment of at least 50  
 22 percent of the ad valorem taxes before April 1 of the year in  
 23 which the payment is due, less the applicable discount under s.  
 24 197.162, Florida Statutes. The value adjustment board must deny  
 25 the petition if the required payment is not made by that date.

26           (2) If the value adjustment board determines that the  
 27 petitioner owes ad valorem taxes in excess of the amounts paid,

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28 the unpaid amount accrues interest at the rate of 12 percent per  
29 year from April 1 of the year in which the payment was due.

30 Section 2. Section 197.162, Florida Statutes, is amended  
31 to read:

32 197.162 Discounts; amount and time.—On all taxes assessed  
33 on the county tax rolls and collected by the county tax  
34 collector, discounts for early payment thereof shall be at the  
35 rate of 4 percent in the month of November or at any time within  
36 30 days after the mailing of the original tax notice; 3 percent  
37 in the month of December; 2 percent in the following month of  
38 January; 1 percent in the following month of February; and zero  
39 percent in the following month of March or within 30 days prior  
40 to the date of delinquency if the date of delinquency is after  
41 April 1. When a taxpayer makes a request to have the original  
42 tax notice corrected, the discount rate for early payment  
43 applicable at the time the request for correction is made shall  
44 apply for 30 days after the mailing of the corrected tax notice.  
45 ~~A discount shall apply at the rate of 4 percent for 30 days~~  
46 ~~after the mailing of a tax notice resulting from the action of a~~  
47 ~~value adjustment board.~~ Thereafter, the regular discount periods  
48 shall apply. For the purposes of this section, when a discount  
49 period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the  
50 discount period shall be extended to the next working day, if  
51 payment is delivered to a designated collection office of the  
52 tax collector.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.