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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to tax collectors; amending s.
 197.332, F.S.; specifying that the tax collector may
 collect delinquent taxes by processing tax deed
 applications; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 197.332, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

197.332 Duties of tax collectors; branch offices.—

(1) The tax collector has the authority and obligation to
 collect all taxes as shown on the tax roll by the date of
 delinquency or ~~to~~ collect delinquent taxes, interest, and costs,
 by sale of tax certificates on real property, by processing tax
 deed applications, and by seizure and sale of personal property.
 In exercising their powers to contract, the tax collector may
 perform such duties by use of contracted services or products or
 by electronic means. The use of contracted services, products,
 or vendors does not diminish the responsibility or liability of
 the tax collector to perform such duties pursuant to law. The
 tax collector may collect the cost of contracted services. The
tax collector may also collect ~~and~~ reasonable attorney
~~attorney's~~ fees and court costs in actions on proceedings to
 recover delinquent taxes, interest, and costs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.