

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to tax collectors; amending s.
 3 197.332, F.S.; specifying that the tax collector may
 4 collect delinquent taxes by processing tax deed
 5 applications; providing an effective date.

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

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

11 197.332 Duties of tax collectors; branch offices.—

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

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