

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to sale of tax certificates; amending
 3 s. 197.432, F.S.; providing that any person may
 4 register to bid and participate in a tax certificate
 5 sale; 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 (7) of section 197.432, Florida
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 197.432 Sale of tax certificates for unpaid taxes.—

12 (7) Any person may register to bid and participate in a
 13 tax certificate sale. The tax collector may require payment of a
 14 reasonable deposit from any person who wishes to bid for a tax
 15 certificate. A person who fails or refuses to pay any bid made
 16 by, or on behalf of, such person is not entitled to bid or have
 17 any other bid accepted or enforced except as authorized by the
 18 tax collector. The tax collector shall provide written or
 19 electronic notice when certificates are ready for issuance.
 20 Payment must be made within 48 hours after the transmission of
 21 the electronic notice by the tax collector or mailing of such
 22 notice or, at the tax collector's discretion, all or a portion
 23 of the deposit placed by the bidder may be forfeited. Payment
 24 must be made before the issuance of the certificate by the tax
 25 collector. If the tax collector determines that payment has been

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26 | requested in error, the tax collector shall issue a refund
27 | within 15 business days after such payment.

28 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.