

Senate Bill No. 878

An act relating to the advertisement of real or personal property with delinquent taxes; amending s. 197.402, F.S.; creating a pilot program for certain counties to study the effectiveness of current legislation that governs the advertisement of real or personal property with delinquent taxes; providing requirements for the pilot program; requiring the tax collector of each county to report to the Legislature on the results of the pilot program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 197.402, Florida Statutes, to read:

197.402 Advertisement of real or personal property with delinquent taxes.—

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the counties of Lake, Marion, Seminole, and Sumter shall enter into a pilot program for the next two full property tax cycles. During this time the tax collector in each county shall, in lieu of the advertisement required in subsection (3), advertise once at least 21 days prior to a sale under that subsection. At the end of this 2-year pilot program, the tax collector in each of the counties named in this subsection shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on or before October 1, 2007, which compares the effectiveness of single publication versus the effectiveness of triple publication by listing the number and percentage of properties on which delinquent taxes were paid after the single publication in comparison to the number and percentage of properties on which delinquent taxes were paid after three publications.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor June 14, 2005.

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