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S.B. No. 796

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a taxing unit to allow split payment of
3 taxes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending
6 Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The governing body of a taxing unit that collects its
9 own taxes may provide, in the manner required by law for official
10 action by the body, that a person who pays one-half of the unit's
11 taxes, other than taxes on the person's residential homestead,
12 before December 1 may pay the remaining one-half of the taxes
13 without penalty or interest before July 1 of the following year.

14 (b) The split-payment option described by Subsection (a),
15 if adopted, applies to taxes, other than taxes on residential
16 homesteads, for all units for which the adopting taxing unit
17 collects taxes.

18 (d) The governing body of a taxing unit that collects its
19 own taxes may provide, in the manner provided by law for official
20 action by the body, that a person who pays one-half of the unit's
21 taxes on the person's residential homestead before December 1 may
22 pay the remaining one-half of the taxes without penalty or interest
23 before July 1 of the following year.

24 (e) The split-payment option for residential homesteads

1 under Subsection (d) applies to taxes for all residential
2 homesteads for which the adopting taxing unit collects taxes.

3 (f) In this section, "residential homestead" has the
4 meaning assigned by Section 11.13(j).

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.