

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 796
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2007; March 6, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 April 4, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; April 4, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 796 By: Janek

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the authority of a taxing unit to allow split payment of
1-11 taxes.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 31.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending
1-14 Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (a) The governing body of a taxing unit that collects its
1-17 own taxes may provide, in the manner required by law for official
1-18 action by the body, that a person who pays one-half of the unit's
1-19 taxes, other than taxes on the person's residential homestead,
1-20 before December 1 may pay the remaining one-half of the taxes
1-21 without penalty or interest before July 1 of the following year.

1-22 (b) The split-payment option described by Subsection (a),
1-23 if adopted, applies to taxes, other than taxes on residential
1-24 homesteads, for all units for which the adopting taxing unit
1-25 collects taxes.

1-26 (d) The governing body of a taxing unit that collects its
1-27 own taxes may provide, in the manner provided by law for official
1-28 action by the body, that a person who pays one-half of the unit's
1-29 taxes on the person's residential homestead before December 1 may
1-30 pay the remaining one-half of the taxes without penalty or interest
1-31 before July 1 of the following year.

1-32 (e) The split-payment option for residential homesteads
1-33 under Subsection (d) applies to taxes for all residential
1-34 homesteads for which the adopting taxing unit collects taxes.

1-35 (f) In this section, "residential homestead" has the
1-36 meaning assigned by Section 11.13(j).

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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