

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion on the exterior of an ad valorem tax bill of a statement directing the United States Postal Service to return the bill if it is not deliverable as addressed.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 31.01, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (f) and (i-1), the assessor for each taxing unit shall prepare and mail a tax bill to each person in whose name the property is listed on the tax roll and to the person's authorized agent. The assessor shall mail tax bills by October 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable. The assessor shall mail to the state agency or institution the tax bill for any taxable property owned by the agency or institution. The agency or institution shall pay the taxes from funds appropriated for payment of the taxes or, if there are none, from funds appropriated for the administration of the agency or institution. The exterior of the tax bill must show the return address of the taxing unit. If the assessor wants the United States Postal Service to return the tax bill if it is not deliverable as addressed, the exterior of the tax bill may ~~[and must]~~ contain, in all capital letters, the words "RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED," or another appropriate statement directing the United States Postal Service to return the tax bill if it is not deliverable as addressed.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 562 passed the Senate on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 14, 2009, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 20, 2009, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2009, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 562 passed the House, with amendments, on May 8, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 20, 2009, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2009, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor