

1-1 By: Jackson S.B. No. 562  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2009; February 23, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;  
1-4 March 31, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 14,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the inclusion on the exterior of an ad valorem tax bill  
1-9 of a statement directing the United States Postal Service to return  
1-10 the bill if it is not deliverable as addressed.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 31.01, Tax Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (f) and (i-1), the  
1-15 assessor for each taxing unit shall prepare and mail a tax bill to  
1-16 each person in whose name the property is listed on the tax roll and  
1-17 to the person's authorized agent. The assessor shall mail tax bills  
1-18 by October 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable. The assessor  
1-19 shall mail to the state agency or institution the tax bill for any  
1-20 taxable property owned by the agency or institution. The agency or  
1-21 institution shall pay the taxes from funds appropriated for payment  
1-22 of the taxes or, if there are none, from funds appropriated for the  
1-23 administration of the agency or institution. The exterior of the  
1-24 tax bill must show the return address of the taxing unit. If the  
1-25 assessor wants the United States Postal Service to return the tax  
1-26 bill if it is not deliverable as addressed, the exterior of the tax  
1-27 bill may [and must] contain, in all capital letters, the words  
1-28 "RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED," or another appropriate statement  
1-29 directing the United States Postal Service to return the tax bill if  
1-30 it is not deliverable as addressed.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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