

HOUSE BILL No. 4310

February 7, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Jaye and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend section 57 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, entitled as amended

"The general property tax act,"

as amended by Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of 1993, being section 211.57 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Section 57 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of
- 2 1893, as amended by Act No. 291 of the Public Acts of 1993, being
- 3 section 211.57 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
- 4 as follows:
- 5 Sec. 57. (!) When a county treasurer receives from a town-
- 6 ship, city, or village treasurer a statement of unpaid taxes,
- 7 together with a list of the lands on which the -same UNPAID
- 8 TAXES are delinquent, verified according to law, the county
- 9 treasurer shall enter the -same- UNPAID TAXES at length on the

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- 1 books in his or her office provided for that purpose. The
- 2 treasurer shall make a statement of all descriptions of land
- 3 returned as delinquent for unpaid taxes, except those rejected by
- 4 him or her, with the -several taxes assessed upon those descrip-
- 5 tions respectively. The statement shall be compared by the
- 6 county clerk with the statement of unpaid taxes filed by the
- 7 township, city, or village treasurer, and if the county clerk
- 8 finds it to be a true statement thereof, he or she shall add to
- 9 it THE STATEMENT a certificate that the county clerk has, upon
- 10 careful examination, found it THE STATEMENT correct. The
- 11 statement, so made, compared, and certified, shall be considered
- 12 the return of delinquent taxes by the county treasurer to the
- 13 department of treasury under this act, and shall be completed not
- 14 later than THE May I -next after IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the
- 15 return to the county treasurer of the statements of the several
- 16 township treasurers. The state treasurer, if considered expedi-
- 17 ent, may extend for a period not to exceed 30 days the time
- 18 within which the statement shall be completed. The state trea-
- 19 surer shall promulgate rules and regulations governing and shall
- 20 supervise the preparation of the statement. The statement shall
- 21 be kept on file in the office of the -several county
- 22 -treasurers TREASURER as -custodians CUSTODIAN for the state
- 23 treasurer and shall not be forwarded to the state treasurer. The
- 24 county treasurers shall perform the duties with respect to the
- 25 maintenance and correction of the statement as prescribed by the
- 26 state treasurer. The keeping of the statement takes the place of
- 27 the records of delinquent taxes in the department of the state

- 1 treasury before sale of lands delinquent for taxes, as provided
 2 in this act.
- 3 (2) Within 120 days after the county treasurer receives from
- 4 the township treasurer a statement of unpaid taxes, together with
- 5 a list of the lands on which the -same- UNPAID TAXES are delin-
- 6 quent, verified according to law, the county treasurer shall mail
- 7 to the persons assessed for those unpaid taxes as well as the
- 8 legal owner of the property, if they are not the same party, a
- 9 notice that the taxes have been returned to the county treasurer
- 10 as unpaid. The notice shall state the amount of taxes unpaid,
- 11 and penalties, interest, and charges on the taxes, and shall
- 12 state that a description of the property assessed is on file in
- 13 the office of the county treasurer.
- 14 (3) Within 120 days after March 1 of the year following the
- 15 return of the delinquent taxes to the county treasurer, the
- 16 county treasurer shall again mail the notice on all parcels for
- 17 which the tax is still unpaid. This subsection does not apply to
- 18 parcels identified as certified special residential property
- 19 under section 55a.
- 20 (4) Any person who wishes at any time to receive notice of
- 21 the return of taxes on a parcel of property may pay an annual fee
- 22 not to exceed \$5.00 by February 1 to the county treasurer
- 23 -together with a AND SPECIFY THE parcel identification number
- 24 and address of the property. The county treasurer will then
- 25 SHALL notify the person if the property is returned delinquent
- 26 within that year.

- (5) The notices required by this section AND,
- 2 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT, ANY OTHER NOTICE
- 3 THAT RELATES TO UNPAID OR DELINQUENT TAXES shall be sent by
- 4 -first class CERTIFIED mail DELIVERABLE TO THE ADDRESSEE ONLY,
- 5 address correction RETURN RECEIPT requested.