

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2025 and 2026 HB2753

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/21-25

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that, in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants in which the accelerated method of billing and paying taxes is in effect, if the tax bill setting out the first installment of taxes is not mailed by January 31, then (i) the first installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after April 1 (instead of March 1) and (ii) the second installment shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after September 1 (instead of August 1). Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 21-25 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/21-25)

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Sec. 21-25. Due dates; accelerated billing in counties of 3,000,000 or more. Except as hereinafter provided and as provided in Section 21-40, in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants in which the accelerated method of billing and paying taxes provided for in Section 21-30 is in effect, the estimated first installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after March 1 and until paid or forfeited at the rate of (i) 1 1/2% per month or portion thereof if the unpaid taxes are for a tax year before 2023 or (ii) 0.75% per month, or portion thereof, if the unpaid taxes are for tax year 2023 or any tax year thereafter. For tax year 2010, the estimated first installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after April 1 at the rate of 1.5% per month or portion thereof until paid forfeited. For tax year 2022, the estimated first installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after April 1, 2023 at the rate of 1.5% per

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month or portion thereof until paid or forfeited. For all tax years, except as otherwise provided in this Section, the second installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after August 1 annually at the same interest rate until paid or forfeited. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in counties with 3,000,000 or more inhabitants in which the accelerated method of billing and paying taxes provided for in Section 21-30 is in effect, if the tax bill setting out the first installment of taxes is not mailed by January 31, then (i) the first installment of unpaid taxes shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after April 1 at the rate of 1.5% per month or portion thereof until paid or forfeited and (ii) the second installment shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after September 1 at the same interest rate until paid or forfeited. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a taxpayer owes an arrearage of taxes due to an administrative error, and if the county collector sends a separate bill for that arrearage as provided in Section 14-41, then any part of the arrearage of taxes that remains unpaid on the day after the due date specified on that tax bill shall be deemed delinquent and shall bear interest after that date at the rate of (i) 1 1/2% per month, or portion thereof, if the unpaid taxes are for a tax year before 2023 or (ii) 0.75% per month, or portion thereof, if the unpaid taxes are for tax year 2023 or any tax year thereafter.

If the county board elects by ordinance adopted prior to July 1 of a levy year to provide for taxes to be paid in 4 installments, each installment for that levy year and each subsequent year shall be deemed delinquent and shall begin to bear interest 30 days after the date specified by the ordinance for mailing bills, at the rate of 1 1/2% per month, or portion thereof, until paid or forfeited. If the unpaid taxes are for a tax year before 2023, then interest shall accrue at the rate of 1.5% per month, or portion thereof, until paid or forfeited. If the unpaid taxes are for tax year 2023 or any tax year thereafter, then interest shall accrue at the rate of 0.75% per month, or portion thereof, until paid or forfeited.

Payment received by mail and postmarked on or before the required due date is not delinquent.

Taxes levied on homestead property in which a member of the National Guard or reserves of the armed forces of the United States who was called to active duty on or after August 1, 1990, and who has an ownership interest, shall not be deemed delinquent and no interest shall accrue or be charged as a penalty on such taxes due and payable in 1991 or 1992 until one year after that member returns to civilian status.

If an Illinois resident who is a member of the Illinois National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who has an ownership interest in property taxed under this Act is called to active duty for

deployment outside the continental United States and is on 1 2 active duty on the due date of any installment of taxes due under this Act, he or she shall not be deemed delinquent in the 3 payment of the installment and no interest shall accrue or be 5 charged as a penalty on the installment until 180 days after that member returns to civilian status. To be deemed not 6 7 delinquent in the payment of an installment of taxes and any 8 interest on that installment, the reservist or quardsperson 9 must make a reasonable effort to notify the county clerk and 10 the county collector of his or her activation to active duty 11 and must notify the county clerk and the county collector 12 within 180 days after his or her deactivation and provide 13 verification of the date of his or her deactivation. An 14 installment of property taxes on the property of any reservist 15 or guardsperson who fails to provide timely notice and 16 verification of deactivation to the county clerk is subject to 17 interest and penalties as delinquent taxes under this Code from the date of deactivation. 18

- 19 (Source: P.A. 102-1112, eff. 12-21-22; 103-555, eff. 1-1-24.)
- 20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 21 becoming law.