

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2832

Introduced 1/19/2024, by Sen. Steve McClure

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/21-27

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that no interest or penalties shall be imposed with respect to property that is included in a decedent's probate estate at the time of a delinquency if the representative of the decedent's estate applies with the county treasurer for a waiver of those amounts and is granted that waiver. Provides that the waiver shall apply beginning on the date of the decedent's death until the earlier of either: (i) the date on which the property is sold, transferred, or conveyed or (ii) the date on which the estate is closed.

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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 21-27 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/21-27)

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- 7 Sec. 21-27. Waiver of interest penalty.
- 8 (a) On the recommendation of the county treasurer, the 9 county board may adopt a resolution under which an interest 10 penalty for the delinquent payment of taxes for any year that 11 otherwise would be imposed under Section 21-15, 21-20, or 12 21-25 shall be waived in the case of any person who meets all 13 of the following criteria:
  - (1) The person is determined eligible for a grant under the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act with respect to the taxes for that year.
  - (2) The person requests, in writing, on a form approved by the county treasurer, a waiver of the interest penalty, and the request is filed with the county treasurer on or before the first day of the month that an installment of taxes is due.
- 23 (3) The person pays the installment of taxes due, in

- full, on or before the third day of the month that the installment is due.
  - (4) The county treasurer approves the request for a waiver.
    - (b) With respect to property that qualifies as a brownfield site under Section 58.2 of the Environmental Protection Act, the county board, upon the recommendation of the county treasurer, may adopt a resolution to waive an interest penalty for the delinquent payment of taxes for any year that otherwise would be imposed under Section 21-15, 21-20, or 21-25 if all of the following criteria are met:
      - (1) the property has delinquent taxes and an outstanding interest penalty and the amount of that interest penalty is so large as to, possibly, result in all of the taxes becoming uncollectible;
      - (2) the property is part of a redevelopment plan of a unit of local government and that unit of local government does not oppose the waiver of the interest penalty;
      - (3) the redevelopment of the property will benefit the public interest by remediating the brownfield contamination;
      - (4) the taxpayer delivers to the county treasurer (i) a written request for a waiver of the interest penalty, on a form approved by the county treasurer, and (ii) a copy of the redevelopment plan for the property;
        - (5) the taxpayer pays, in full, the amount of up to the

amount of the first 2 installments of taxes due, to be held in escrow pending the approval of the waiver, and enters into an agreement with the county treasurer setting forth a schedule for the payment of any remaining taxes due; and

- (6) the county treasurer approves the request for a waiver.
- (c) For the 2019 taxable year (payable in 2020) only, the county board of a county with fewer than 3,000,000 inhabitants may adopt an ordinance or resolution under which some or all of the interest penalty for the delinquent payment of any installment other than the final installment of taxes for the 2019 taxable year that otherwise would be imposed under Section 21-15, 21-20, or 21-25 shall be waived for all taxpayers in the county, for a period of (i) 120 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly or (ii) until the first day of the first month during which there is no longer a statewide COVID-19 public health emergency, as evidenced by an effective disaster declaration of the Governor covering all counties in the State.
- (d) No interest or penalties shall be imposed with respect to property that is included in a decedent's probate estate at the time of a delinquency if the representative of the decedent's estate applies with the county treasurer for a waiver of those amounts and is granted that waiver. A waiver under this subsection shall apply beginning on the date of the decedent's death until the earlier of either (i) the date on

- which the property is sold, transferred, or conveyed or (ii)
- 2 <u>the date on which the estate is closed.</u>
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-635, eff. 6-5-20.)