
DIGEST

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HB No. 481

Abstract: Authorizes sheriffs and ex officio tax collectors to employ an agency to assist in the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes and obligations and provides for the payment of such services on a fee basis.

Present law authorizes sheriffs and ex officio tax collectors to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes, penalties or interest, and any other payment which may be legally collected by a sheriff or tax collector.

Present law requires the sheriff or tax collector to enter into a contract with a private attorney for the collection of delinquent taxes and obligations which shall provide the hourly rate of payment for services which shall not exceed the attorney general's fee schedule.

Proposed law retains present law but adds authority for sheriffs and ex officio tax collectors to employ an agency to assist in the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes and obligations. Further provides that a sheriff or ex officio tax collector may pay a fee not to exceed 10% of the amount collected for such services. The fee amount shall be in addition to the amount of the fine, bond, tax, license fee, or other payment to be collected.

(Amends R.S. 33:1423.1(B) and (C))