
DIGEST

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HB 557 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to adjudicated tax-delinquent property and conversion of that property to tax lien certificate property.

Present law, which becomes operative Jan. 1, 2026, defines "tax lien certificate" as the written instrument evidencing a delinquent property tax obligation and the lien and privilege securing it that identifies its holder. Requires the ad valorem tax collectors of political subdivisions to advertise for sale, by public auction, delinquent obligations and the liens securing them. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, which becomes operative Jan. 1, 2026, provides for procedures and requirements relating to tax lien certificates. Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt ordinances which convert title to adjudicated property it holds into a tax lien certificate issued to the political subdivision. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds that for purposes of present law and proposed law, adjudicated property may be converted to a tax lien certificate property, and the period of adjudication may be included in the three-year period required for the tax lien certificate. Provides that if the conversion occurs after three years from the recordation of the adjudication, the property may be sold after compliance with the post-tax lien notice requirements provided in present law.

Proposed law applies to all taxable periods beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2026.

Effective Jan. 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 47:2201(B) and 2266.1(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Change references from "tax sale certificate" to "tax lien certificate".