

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 725

By: Herbert and Rubottom of the
Senate

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68
O.S. 1991, Section 2913, which relates to ad
valorem taxes; providing exception to method of
payment of ad valorem taxes; requiring taxes to be
paid before certain dates; providing procedure for
payment of ad valorem taxes by mortgage servicers;
and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2913, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 2913. A. All taxes levied upon an ad valorem basis for
each fiscal year shall become due and payable on the first day of
November. ~~The~~ Except for mortgage servicers, the exclusive method
for payment shall be as follows:

1. Unless one-half (1/2) of the taxes so levied has been paid
~~on or~~ before the first day of January, the entire tax levy for such
fiscal year shall become delinquent on ~~said~~ that date.

2. If the first half of the taxes levied upon an ad valorem
basis for any such fiscal year has been paid ~~on or~~ before the first
day of January, the second half shall be paid before the first day

of April thereafter and if not paid shall become delinquent on the first day of April thereafter that date.

In no event may payment be made in more than two equal installments subject to the provisions of the payment schedule specified in this subsection.

B. Mortgage servicers, as defined in 24 C.F.R., part 3500.17, shall pay all accounts which they are servicing in one annual payment before the first day of January or the entire tax levy for such fiscal year shall become delinquent on that date.

C. If the total tax owed is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or less, then the total amount must be paid ~~on or~~ before January 1. If the total tax is not paid ~~on or~~ before January 1, the unpaid balance owing shall become delinquent on the first day of January and shall be subject to delinquent charges as provided for in this section.

~~C.~~ D. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month or major fraction thereof until paid. In no event shall such interest exceed a sum equal to the unpaid principal amount of tax, and when such interest has accumulated to a sum equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the unpaid tax the further accumulation of interest shall cease.

~~D.~~ E. The county treasurer shall stamp the date of receipt on each letter received containing funds for payment of taxes and no interest shall be added or charged after the receipt of such letter or the amount due. It shall be the duty of every person subject to taxation according to the law to attend the county treasurer's office and pay his or her taxes. If any person neglects to pay his or her taxes until after they have become delinquent, the county treasurer is directed and required to collect the delinquent tax as provided for by law. The first half of taxes payable pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not become delinquent until thirty (30) days after the tax rolls have become completed and filed by the county assessor with the county treasurer.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives