

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 23, 2026

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1842

5 By: Dossett

6 [ ad valorem tax - payment date - prepayment -  
7 notification - notice - refund of overpayments -  
8 codification - effective date ]  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2913, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 2913. A. All taxes levied upon an ad valorem basis for  
14 each fiscal year shall become due and payable on the first day of  
15 November. Except for mortgage servicers and taxes prepaid using the  
16 prepayment option provided for in Section 2 of this act, the  
17 exclusive method for payment shall be as follows:

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

21 2. If the first half or more of the taxes levied upon an ad  
22 valorem basis for any such fiscal year has been paid before the  
23 first day of January, the remainder shall be paid before the first  
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1 day of April thereafter and if not paid shall become delinquent on  
2 that date.

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

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

10 C. If the total tax owed is Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) or  
11 less, then the total amount must be paid before January 1. If the  
12 total tax is not paid before January 1, the unpaid balance owing  
13 shall become delinquent on the first day of January and shall be  
14 subject to delinquent charges as provided for in this section.

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

21 E. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law,  
22 delinquent taxes shall be subject to a late payment penalty of five  
23 percent (5%) per month or a major fraction thereof until paid. The  
24 penalty assessed herein shall only apply to delinquent taxes that

1 are due on property located in a dependent school district in a  
2 county with a population of less than seventy-five thousand (75,000)  
3 according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census and held by a  
4 nonindividual taxpayer when the tax has been paid delinquent for two  
5 (2) or more separate and consecutive years and the fair cash value  
6 of the property exceeds Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

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

20 G. The county treasurer may waive penalties or interest in any  
21 case where it is shown to the county treasurer that such penalties  
22 or interest were incurred through no fault of the taxpayer. Each  
23 waiver of penalties or interest shall be audited by the Office of  
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1 the State Auditor and Inspector each year during the annual audit of  
2 the county offices.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2913.1 of Title 68, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The county treasurer may allow taxpayers owning taxable  
7 property within the county the option to prepay taxes levied upon an  
8 ad valorem basis using the prepayment option provided for by this  
9 section. The prepayment option shall allow taxpayers to make  
10 installment payments to pay toward taxes levied upon an ad valorem  
11 basis for the following calendar year. A prepayment option is not  
12 allowed for:

- 13 1. Accounts with delinquent taxes;
- 14 2. Accounts with an ongoing valuation protest from the previous  
15 tax year;
- 16 3. Taxes paid through an escrow account; or
- 17 4. Public service corporations.

18 B. A taxpayer electing the prepayment option, or a taxpayer  
19 electing to opt out of using the prepayment option after electing  
20 the prepayment option, shall notify the county treasurer in writing  
21 no later than January 15 of the calendar year for which the  
22 prepayments may be made and no earlier than December 1 of the  
23 preceding year. If the county treasurer does not receive written  
24 notification, the taxpayer must pay the taxes in the manner as

1 prescribed in subsection A of Section 2913 of Title 68 of the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes.

3 C. The prepayment option shall consist of twelve installment  
4 payments. Each installment payment shall be based on an estimated  
5 property tax obligation which shall be computed by the taxpayer  
6 using the total property tax amount from the previous calendar year,  
7 adjusted for any anticipated changes in property value. The  
8 installment payments shall be divided equally, rounded to the  
9 nearest whole dollar, from the estimated property tax obligation and  
10 shall be paid to the county treasurer on or before the fifteenth day  
11 of each month, except for December, in which case such shall be paid  
12 on or before the thirty-first day of the month.

13 D. Before the first day of November, a sum of all installment  
14 payment amounts made in that calendar year by each taxpayer shall be  
15 calculated by the county treasurer. This sum shall be reported on  
16 the taxpayer statement prescribed by subsection B of Section 2915 of  
17 Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

18 If a taxpayer electing the prepayment option does not timely  
19 make each installment payment, the county treasurer may refuse to  
20 accept all other installment payments. If the county treasurer  
21 refuses to accept other installment payments, the remaining balance  
22 is due in accordance with Section 2913 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes.

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1 E. The taxes paid under the prepayment option shall be  
2 considered a credit against the total tax amount due for the current  
3 calendar year. The taxes paid under the prepayment option must be  
4 deposited by the county treasurer in a dedicated trust and agency  
5 fund to be known as the "Property Tax Prepayment Fund". The fund  
6 shall receive interest and the interest shall be retained by the  
7 county treasurer and placed into a separate existing cash fund known  
8 as the "County Treasurer's Mortgage Certification Fee Account" to  
9 offset the administrative expenses of the prepayment option. Once  
10 the final installment payment is made, and no later than the last  
11 day of December, the installment payments must be credited to the  
12 accounts of the property taxing entities in the county in the same  
13 proportion that millage was imposed by such entities in the previous  
14 tax year with the necessary adjustments made to reflect current tax  
15 year millage impositions when property taxes for the current year  
16 are paid.

17 F. If the amount of taxes paid using the prepayment option  
18 results in an overpayment of property tax, the overpayment shall be  
19 refunded to the taxpayer within sixty (60) days after the date of  
20 the final installment payment. A taxpayer may request a refund  
21 equal to the sum of all installment payments for the current  
22 calendar year. The refund shall be paid to the taxpayer within ten  
23 (10) business days.

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1 G. The prepayment of estimated property tax as provided in this  
2 section and the credit allowed from these prepayments in no way  
3 alters the due date, penalty schedule, or enforced collection of  
4 property taxes as provided by law.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION  
7 February 23, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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