

1 AN ACT

2 relating to reducing the penalty for a failure by a disabled or  
3 elderly person to make a timely installment payment of ad valorem  
4 taxes imposed on the person's residence homestead.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 31.031(b), Tax Code, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (b) If the individual fails to make a payment before the  
9 applicable date provided by Subsection (a), the unpaid amount is  
10 delinquent and incurs a penalty of six [~~12~~] percent and interest as  
11 provided by Section 33.01(c). The penalty provided by Section  
12 33.01(a) does not apply to the unpaid amount.

13 SECTION 2. Section 31.031(b), Tax Code, as amended by this  
14 Act, applies only to the penalty for a failure to make a timely  
15 installment payment of taxes that occurs on or after the effective  
16 date of this Act. The penalty for a failure to make a timely  
17 installment payment of taxes that occurred before the effective  
18 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the failure  
19 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
20 purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Cullin

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2254 was passed by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2254 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

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Rick Perry

Governor

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