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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to tax certificate sales; amending s. 3 197.102, F.S.; defining the term "person" for purposes of ch. 197, F.S.; amending s. 197.432, F.S.; providing 4 5 that any person may register to bid and participate in 6 tax certificate sales; prohibiting tax collectors from 7 prohibiting a person's registration or bidding because 8 of a specified reason; providing an effective date. 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 Section 1. Present paragraphs (d) through (i) of 12 subsection (1) of section 197.102, Florida Statutes, are 13 14 redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (j), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read: 15 16 197.102 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the following definitions 17 (1) 18 apply, unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 19 "Person" includes any firm, association, joint (d) 20 adventure, partnership, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, fiduciary, corporation, or other group or 21 22 combination, or any other entity that has been assigned a unique federal identification number. 23 24 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 197.432, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 25

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26 197.432 Sale of tax certificates for unpaid taxes.-27 Any person may register to bid and participate in (7)28 sales of tax certificates. The tax collector may require payment 29 of a reasonable deposit from any person who wishes to bid for a 30 tax certificate. A person who fails or refuses to pay any bid made by, or on behalf of, such person is not entitled to bid or 31 32 have any other bid accepted or enforced except as authorized by the tax collector. The tax collector shall provide written or 33 34 electronic notice when certificates are ready for issuance. Payment must be made within 48 hours after the transmission of 35 36 the electronic notice by the tax collector or mailing of such 37 notice or, at the tax collector's discretion, all or a portion 38 of the deposit placed by the bidder may be forfeited. Payment 39 must be made before the issuance of the certificate by the tax 40 collector. If the tax collector determines that payment has been 41 requested in error, the tax collector shall issue a refund 42 within 15 business days after such payment. The tax collector 43 may not prohibit registration or bidding by any person because 44 that prospective bidder shares an ownership interest with any 45 other person that has registered or seeks to bid at the tax 46 certificate sale. 47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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