

SUBJECT: Allowing court clerks to deduct postage from a tax sale of property

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Meyer, Thierry, Button, Gervin-Hawkins, Hefner, Muñoz, Noble, Raymond, Shine, Turner
1 nay — Craddick

WITNESSES: For — Beverley Walker, Fort Bend County
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Concerns have been raised that when a tax sale results in excess proceeds, the clerk of the court is required to pay the costs of postage in the process of informing the former owner of the amount of their excess proceeds, their right to claim the excess proceeds, and providing a copy of relevant statute.

DIGEST: HB 4250 would allow the clerk of the court to deduct the cost of postage for sending a notice to the former owner of the property from the amount of the excess proceeds.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.