

***** **NEW TAX SALE REQUIREMENTS** *****

HOUSE BILL 335
EFFECTIVE: 09-01-03

House Bill 335 amends provisions of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code and the Tax Code relating to the public sale of certain real property. The Bill prohibits an officer from executing or delivering a deed to a purchaser, unless the purchaser exhibits an unexpired written statement from the county assessor-collector of the county in which the sale is conducted that the purchaser has no delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the county or to a school district or municipality having territory in the county. The bill prohibits an individual from purchasing property in the name of another and prohibits an officer from delivering a deed to a person other than the successful bidder. The bill establishes that it is a Class B misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly violate these provisions.

The bill authorizes a person to request a written statement from a county assessor-collector stating whether the person owes any delinquent taxes, and authorizes the assessor-collector to acquire the information and to respond to the request.

Bandera County's fee is \$10.00 which must be **paid before a deed will be issued** by the conducting officer. You will receive three copies of the statement. This statement will be good for 90 days from issuance date. This document is issued pursuant to the requirements of Texas Tax Code sections 34.0445 and 34.015 and is **not** a tax certificate issued per Texas Tax Code section 31.08. If you would like one in advance please contact the Tax Assessor-Collector office.

The second part of the new law states that the bidder at a tax sale shall be listed as grantee of the tax deed. This means a bidder may no longer bid on behalf of another; however, the law does not apply to corporations, partnerships, charities, or agencies. The name that appears on the Statement of Eligibility will be the name listed on the Sheriff's Deed as the grantee.