

**CHAPTER 493**

**S.B. No. 607**

An Act relating to permitting the partial payment of property taxes; adding Subsection (c) to Section 31.07, Tax Code.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 31.07, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

*“(c) The collector, with approval of the taxing unit’s governing body, may adopt a policy of accepting partial payments of property taxes. A payment option provided by Section 31.03 of this code or a discount adopted under Section 31.05 of this code does not apply to any portion of a partial payment. Acceptance of a partial payment does not affect the date that the tax becomes delinquent, but the penalties and interest provided by Section 33.01 of this code are incurred only by the portion of a tax that remains unpaid on the date the tax becomes delinquent.”*

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 12, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, one present not voting; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: Immediately