

HB 1593 -- COUNTY COLLECTOR PAYMENTS DUE

SPONSOR: Crawford

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill provides that the 10% per month penalty for which a collector or collector-treasurer is liable upon failure to make a payment due on settlement does not apply to collections related to taxes paid under protest or as part of a disputed settlement.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that collectors currently are caught in a "catch 22": they are required to escrow certain funds and then are penalized for doing so. This bill protects collectors by providing that funds paid under protest or as part of a dispute settlement are not counted toward the funds that are subject to the 10% penalty.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Crawford and Missouri County Collectors Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.