



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1274

As Engrossed: 3/10/2025

Bill Subtitle: TO ALLOW A TITLE INSURANCE AGENT, TITLE INSURER, OR TITLE COMPANY TO PAY REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A TITLE.

Sponsors:

Rep. Warren and Sen. Penzo

Basic Change:

HB1274 (engrossed 3/10/25) requires a county collector to respond within three business days to a request from a person or entity facilitating the closing of a real estate transaction for real property taxes and any related personal property taxes owed by the owner of the real property being conveyed. If the county collector fails to respond to that request within three business days, the collector must accept payment of the real estate taxes due without requiring payment of any related personal property taxes.

Current law requires a county collector to collect personal property taxes owed by a taxpayer at the same time the taxpayer pays real property taxes. A county collector who willfully accepts payment of real property taxes without requiring payment of personal property taxes shall be subject to a fine. Under HB1274, the fine will not be imposed if the real property taxes are paid without payment of personal property taxes if that payment results from the collector's failure to timely reply to the request from the person or entity facilitating the real estate closing transaction.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

A county collector that receives a request for a statement for real estate taxes owed and delinquent property taxes owed from a person or entity facilitating a real estate closing shall respond in writing within three business days of the request. If the county collector does not provide the statement within the required time, the county collector shall accept the payment of real estate taxes due without requiring payment of delinquent personal property taxes.

Resources Required:

None.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Within three business days of receipt of a request, a county collector would provide a statement of real property taxes owed on a parcel of real estate being conveyed as well as any related personal property taxes owed to the requesting party.



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Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.