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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6624**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1217**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 27, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Provides a three year optional tax sale provision for Lake County.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the county commissioners may adopt a resolution that a tax sale certificate may be sold at a price less than the minimum price after the property has not sold for the minimum price at two tax sales. It provides that the proceeds from a sale are to be allocated on a pro rata basis among the taxing units and that any credit to the taxing unit for delinquent taxes is extinguished by the sale.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** Under current law, the county acquires a lien on property that has failed to sell for the minimum required price in two consecutive tax sales. This provision would allow the Lake County Commissioners to resolve to sell for a sub-minimum price, properties that have failed to sell in two tax sales. Lake County could conduct these sales through December 31, 2002. Proceeds from the sale of these properties would be allocated back to the taxing units that serve the property.

This provision would allow Lake County to dispose of real property with property tax delinquencies that may not otherwise be saleable because of the minimum purchase price. This bill would help to get taxable property back onto the tax rolls sooner and could reduce long-term county collection expenses. This provision would increase the cash flow to local units. The actual fiscal impact depends on the amount received for the sale of these properties.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Lake County; Taxing units within Lake County.

**Information Sources:**