

P.L. 2018, CHAPTER 8, *approved April 20, 2018*

Assembly, No. 3382 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the prepayment of property taxes, amending  
2 R.S.54:4-68, and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 54 of the  
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. R.S.54:4-68 is amended as follows:

9 **【**When the governing body of a municipality shall by resolution  
10 so direct, the**】** The officer charged with the collection of taxes or  
11 assessments shall receive the tax or assessment due or to become  
12 due for any current year at any time during the year as provided in  
13 this section and section 54:4-69 of this title. The payments may be  
14 made on the basis of taxes and assessments levied for the preceding  
15 year and may be paid in full, or in installments in amounts of not  
16 less than one dollar or multiples thereof. The collecting officer  
17 shall issue a receipt therefor and credit the amount paid to the  
18 account of any tax or assessment so levied or to be levied.  
19 (cf: R.S.54:4-68)

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21 2. (New Section) a. For the purposes of this section:

22 “Dedicated prepayment” means a payment toward an anticipated  
23 quarterly installment property tax and assessment obligation that is  
24 made prior to the issuance of the tax bill for that installment.

25 “Tax collector” means a municipal officer charged with the  
26 collection of taxes.

27 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the  
28 contrary, when a taxpayer makes a dedicated prepayment, the tax  
29 collector shall issue a receipt therefor, and shall credit the amount  
30 received toward the amount to become due and payable by the  
31 taxpayer for the dedicated installment. The dedicated prepayment  
32 shall be made payable to the <sup>1</sup>**【tax collector】** municipality<sup>1</sup> and shall  
33 explicitly and conspicuously indicate the installment to which the  
34 payment shall be credited. <sup>1</sup>If the taxpayer is otherwise delinquent on  
35 property taxes or other municipal charges, the taxpayer shall first  
36 satisfy all such outstanding delinquencies before being permitted to  
37 make a dedicated prepayment.<sup>1</sup>

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>**Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations April 5, 2018.**

1 c. (1) When the amount paid in a dedicated prepayment  
2 exceeds the total property tax and assessment levied for the dedicated  
3 installment, the ~~'[tax collector] municipality'~~ shall ~~'[, within 30 days~~  
4 ~~of the issuance of the tax bill,]'~~ refund the taxpayer the amount of the  
5 excess ~~'[.] within 60 days of issuance of the tax bill or, if the~~  
6 ~~governing body does not meet within those 60 days, the next regularly~~  
7 ~~scheduled governing body meeting thereafter.'~~ When, upon issuing  
8 the tax bill for a dedicated installment, the tax collector determines that  
9 the dedicated prepayment is insufficient to equal the total property tax  
10 and assessment levied, the difference due and payable shall be paid or  
11 collected as other taxes are collected.

12 (2) When a mortgagee pays any property tax and assessment  
13 installment for the mortgaged premises, and the owner of the  
14 mortgaged premises also makes a dedicated prepayment toward the  
15 installment, the ~~'[tax collector] municipality'~~ shall, within ~~'[30] 60'~~  
16 ~~days of the issuance of the tax bill '[,] or, if the governing body does~~  
17 ~~not meet within those 60 days, the next regularly scheduled governing~~  
18 ~~body meeting thereafter.'~~ refund the ~~'[owner of the mortgaged~~  
19 ~~premises] second-in-time payor'~~ the amount in excess of the tax and  
20 assessment levied.

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22 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be  
23 retroactive to July 1, 2017.  
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28 Permits taxpayers to make dedicated prepayment toward  
29 anticipated property taxes.