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> Banks are bending over backward to make life easier for their customers. Extended hours, branches open on weekends, and a host of online banking services all help to save customers time. Among the most innovative and convenient of these new services is the ability to deposit checks by submitting a

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The latest tax law provided more options for deducting qualified real property costs. Specifically, a business can elect to immediately write off such expenses (up to certain limits) under tax code Section 179, rather than depreciate them over time. However, new IRS guidance explains that claiming Section 179 deductions for qualified real property can lead to high-taxed ordinary income when the property is sold. This article explains. Copyright © 2013

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