

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §37-11-5**

## **§37-11-5. Presumption of jurisdiction in cases of judicial sales.**

When any land or any interest in land in this state has heretofore been sold, partitioned or disposed of prior to the formation of this state, under the order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction of the state of Virginia, or has heretofore been or shall hereafter be sold, partitioned or disposed of under the order, judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction of this state, it shall be presumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that every such court obtained due jurisdiction in the cause by the institution of all proper proceedings and by the service or execution of proper process over any and all persons whose names appear in any part of the record of the cause as persons embraced therein or against whom the court proceeded, and this presumption shall apply to any person or persons named by the designation of child, children, heir-at-law, heirs-at-law, devisee, devisees, or other sufficient designation or classification from which it can be shown by the record or otherwise the person or persons included therein or intended thereby.