WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 177

(By Mr. Martin, By Request)

PASSED February 16, 1951

In Effect from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section eighteen, article four, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the collection and enforcement of property taxes, including the redemption of forfeited, and delinquent lands and the sale of forfeited, delinquent, escheated, and waste and unappropriated lands for the benefit of the school fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eighteen, article four, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 18. Application for Permission to Redeem.—

2 The former owner of any forfeited or delinquent land,
or any other person who was entitled to redeem such land under the provisions of section eight, article three of this chapter, may file his petition in such suit with the circuit court or the judge thereof in vacation, at any time before confirmation of sale thereof requesting permission to redeem such land to the extent that title thereto remains in the state. The court or the judge thereof in vacation may by proper decree, permit the petitioner to redeem the land upon payment to the sheriff of the total amount of taxes, interest and charges properly due or chargeable thereon on the date of redemption and all court costs taxable in respect thereto under the provisions of this article, which amount shall be fixed by the court or the judge thereof in vacation, in the order.

Upon payment being made, the court or the judge thereof in vacation, shall enter a decree declaring the redemption of such land by the petitioner, so far only as the title thereto remains in the state, and dismissing the suit in respect thereto. If redemption was allowed after sale, the decree shall also direct the sheriff to return the purchase money to the purchaser. Such de-
cree shall operate as a release of all the right, title and
interest of the state in and to such land, but shall in no
wise affect or impair any right, title or interest which
any other person may have therein.

Any redemption, which may have been heretofore had
by a former owner of real estate, pursuant to permission,
granted such former owner by a vacation order, in any
such suit, is hereby declared valid.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

A. R. Winters
Chairman Senate Committee

James W. Loop
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect upon passage.

Johnnie Hager
Clerk of the Senate

H. A. Ely
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. E. Ham
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 26th day of February, 1951.

Okey E. Patterson
Governor.

Not in the Office of the Secretary of State
of West Virginia

D. Pitt O'Brien,
Secretary of Staff