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SENATE BILL NO. 52

(By Mr. Jacker )

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(By Mr. Tucker)

[Passed March 22, 1985; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article three, chapter eleven-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to publication by the sheriff of a notice of sale of land for delinquent taxes; notice to landowners and lienholders; manner and time of notice.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article three, 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:

#### ARTICLE 3. SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

## §11A-3-2. Second publication of list of delinquent real estate; notice.

- 1 On or before September tenth of each year, the sheriff
- 2 shall prepare a second list of delinquent lands, which shall
- ${\bf 3}\quad \hbox{include all real estate in his county remaining delinquent as}$
- 4 of September first, together with a notice of sale, in form or
- **5** effect as follows:
- 6 Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts
- 7 or lots of land or undivided interests therein in the County
- 8 of ...... which are delinquent for the nonpayment 9 of taxes for the year (or years) 19..., will be offered for sale
- 10 by the undersigned sheriff (or collector) at public auction at
- 11 the front door of the courthouse of the county, between the

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hours of ten in the morning and four in the afternoon, on the 12 ..... day of ....., 19..... 13 Each unredeemed tract or lot, or each unredeemed part 14 thereof or undivided interest therein, will be sold at public 15 auction to the highest bidder for cash in an amount which 16 17 shall not be less than the taxes, interest and charges which shall be due thereon to the date of sale, as set forth in the 18 19 following table: 20 Name of person Quantity Local Total amount of taxes, 21 charged of descripinterest and charges 22 land tion due to date of sale with taxes 23 Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots, or part thereof or an undivided interest therein, may be redeemed by the 24 payment to the undersigned sheriff (or collector) before 25 sale, of the total amount of taxes, interest and charges due 26 27 thereon up to the date of redemption. 28 Given under my hand this ..... day of 29 30 31

Sheriff (or collector). The sheriff shall publish the list and notice prior to the sale date fixed in the notice as a Class III-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the county. In addition to such publication, no less than thirty days prior to the sale the sheriff shall send a notice of such delinquency by certified mail to the last known address of each person whose taxes are delinquent and to each person having a lien on real property upon which the taxes are due, as disclosed by a valid lien instrument duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the county commission: Provided, That in a case where one owner owns more than one parcel of real property upon which taxes are delinquent, the sheriff may, at his option, mail separate notices to the owner and each lienholder for each parcel, or may prepare and mail to the owner and each lienholder a single notice which pertains to all such delinquent parcels. If he elects to mail only one notice, that notice shall set forth a legally sufficient description of all parcels of property on which taxes are delinquent. In no event shall failure to receive the mailed

notice by the landowner or lienholder affect the validity of

the title of the property conveyed if it is sold pursuant to section four, article three, chapter eleven-a of this code.

To cover the cost of preparing and publishing the delinquent list and mailing notice to the landowner and any lienholder, a charge of six dollars shall be added to the taxes, interest and charges already due on each item and other charges shall be stated in the list as the total amount due.

Any person, whose taxes were delinquent on September first, may have his name removed from the delinquent list prior to the time the same is delivered to the newspapers for publication and the mailing of the above required notice by paying to the sheriff the full amount of taxes and costs owed by such person at the date of such redemption. In such case, the sheriff shall include but fifty cents of the costs provided in this section in making such redemption. Costs collected by the sheriff hereunder which are not expended for publication and mailing shall be paid into the general county fund.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.  Chairman Senate Committee
Chairman House Committee
Originated in the Senate.
In effect ninety days from passage.
Clerk of the Senate  Lonald L. D. Copp  Clerk of the House of Delegates  President of the Senate  Suph P. Albrig M.  Speaker House of Delegates
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