

## CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT to amend the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Queen Anne's County," sub-title "County Commissioners," by adding a new section thereto to be known as Section 133H.

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County from time to time have been compelled to bid in property sold for county and State taxes at public auction for the amount of taxes and costs due thereon; and

WHEREAS, A doubt has arisen as to their authority to do so and it is desirable to legalize their action in this respect and to authorize them in reference to the bidding on tax sales hereinafter to be made.

To legalize action.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the action of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County in purchasing certain tracts or parcels of land sold in said county for taxes for the amount of the taxes due thereon and costs, be and the same is hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Legal for county officials to buy property at tax sales.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County may hereafter bid at any sale of real estate for State and county taxes due on real estate and costs, and in case same is so purchased by them at said sale, that on the final ratification of said sale, a deed shall be made by the proper officer making said sale to the said Commissioners who shall hold the same for the use of said county.

To hold the same for use of county.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in case said property shall not be redeemed, the County Commissioners shall make public sale of said real estate after due advertisement in one or more of the newspapers published in said county, when to them it shall be best so to do, and sell the same to the highest bidder, and the proceeds of said sale shall be received by the Treasurer of said county who shall be authorized on the full payment of the purchase money and not before, to execute a good and sufficient deed to the purchaser, and the money arising from such sale shall be accounted for by the said Treasurer, as other public money now is, or may hereafter be accounted for according to law.

Non-redemption of property.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 25, 1904.